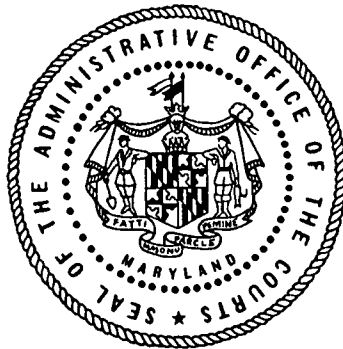


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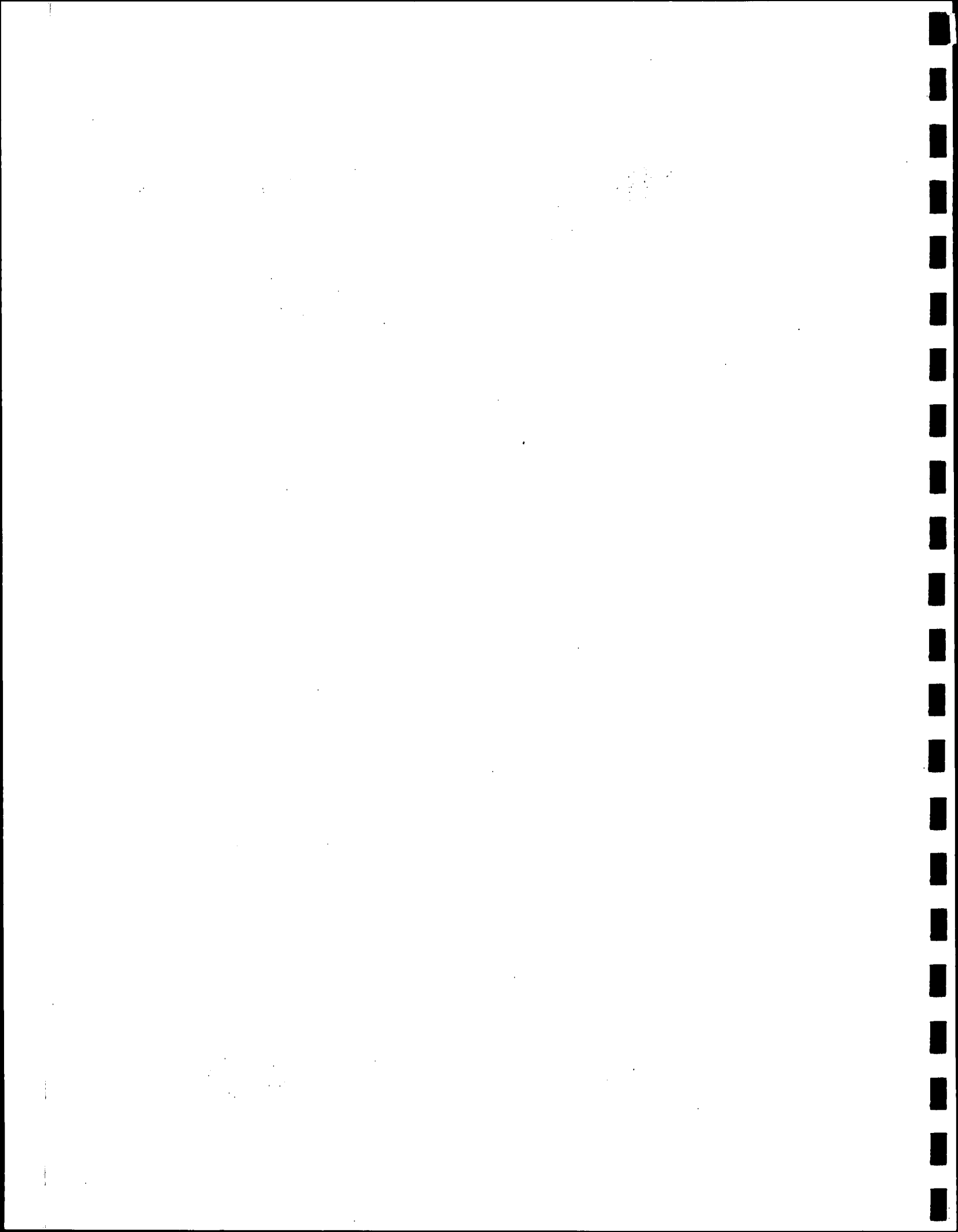
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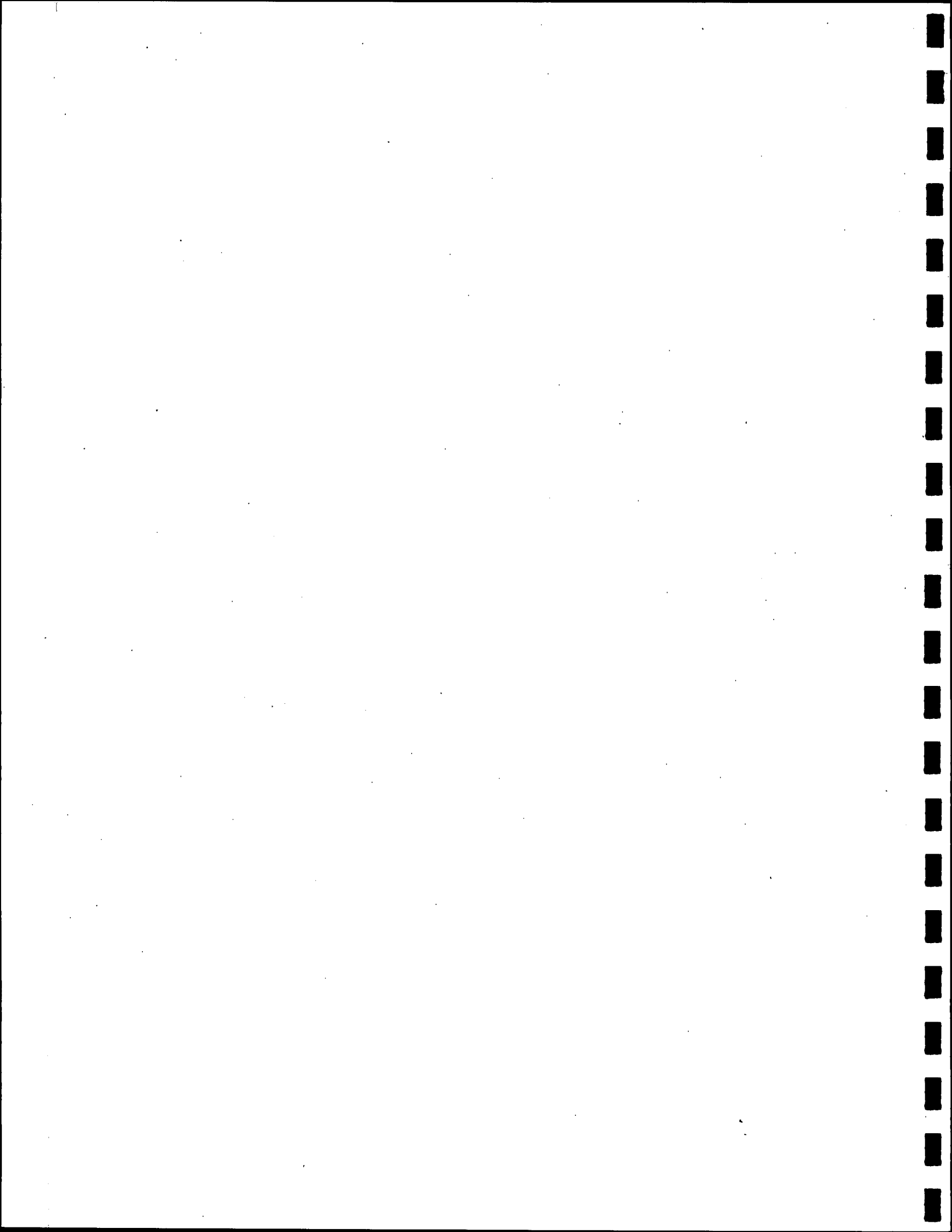
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To The Honorable, The Chief Judge of  
The Court of Appeals:

Pursuant to Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1955 I respectfully submit the Fourth Annual Report of this office, covering the period between September 1, 1958 and August 31, 1959.

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# I ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Created by statutory enactment in 1955, the Administrative Office of the Courts is under the supervision of a director who is appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. He is assisted by a staff of four. Maryland has thus joined that growing group of states which has adopted methods not only to provide administrative assistance for the judiciary, but to compile statistical data and report on the work of the courts. Recent legislation in California, Colorado, Illinois and New Mexico providing for the creation of administrative offices, has raised to 23 the total number of states having such offices. These are, of course, in addition to those for the Federal system, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. They are:

Alaska	Illinois	Massachusetts	New York	Rhode Island
California <sup>(a)</sup>	Iowa	Michigan	North Carolina	Virginia
Colorado	Kentucky	Missouri	Ohio	Washington
Connecticut	Louisiana	New Jersey	Oregon	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Maryland	New Mexico		

(a) Superior Court, Los Angeles

Locally the office supplements the constitutional provision designating the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals as the administrative head of the judicial system of the State in that it provides the Chief Judge with assistance in carrying out his administrative duties.

Among the director's duties are the preparation of budget estimates for state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system; supervision of the expenditure of funds appropriated to the judiciary and execution of necessary requisitions; collection of and compilation of statistical data on the work of the courts; publication of periodic reports on the business transacted by the Courts, and also publication of an annual report of the affairs of his office.

In recent years there has been a great resurgence of interest in judicial sta-



tistics, revealed by many articles in legal periodicals across the nation. As to their value there is divergence of opinion, and suggestions and countersuggestions are abundant. Certainly it is essential to the proper administration of a court system, that the Chief Judge and others have detailed information readily accessible when questions of policy and procedure affecting the operation of the courts arise. Statistical data tends to prevent haphazard conclusions when legislatures, and sometimes administrative agencies, are considering changes. In addition, a continuing survey of the courts enables the judge to compare the work in his court with that being done in others. An incentive is created to inquire whether methods being used may be improved. In general, judicial statistics should reflect the volume of business, the backlogs, and the work load of the courts, but at the same time be limited to essential matters such as are not subject to great variation by slight changes in local procedure.

Obviously statistical data requires cautious appraisal, for the use of statistics for a purpose other than that for which they are presented can be deceptive. In Maryland complete uniformity of classification has been made difficult by varying practices and customs in the judicial circuits. Locally, as subsequent tables will disclose, there exists a paradoxical situation in that while there are a great many pending cases, few old cases are reported as having been tried.

The statistical information concerning the Court of Appeals has as its purpose to show the current status of the calendar, disposition of appeals, opinions filed and by whom, courts below from which appeals are taken, types of cases reviewed, and to maintain comparable figures from year to year. Information concerning the trial courts reveals the continuing condition of their dockets, the flow of cases, their general character, as well as the work load of the courts.

For budgetary purposes the work of the Administrative Office is under eight

programs. A description of each follows:

(1) Adjudication and Retirement

Under this program the Administrative Office prepares the budget for the salaries of the five judges of the Court of Appeals and of the 47 trial judges of the eight judicial circuits, and disburses the funds allocated for this purpose. An additional function includes the supervision of the distribution of pensions to 13 retired judges and to 25 widows of deceased members of the judiciary, as well as the salaries of the six Chief Deputy Clerks of the several courts in Baltimore City,<sup>a</sup> of the Trust Clerk of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and his assistant, of five law clerks and five secretaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals.

(2) The Maryland Judicial Conference:

Subject to the approval of the Director of this office is expended an appropriation for the expenses of a conference of judges when called by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Usually held in Baltimore City in January of each year, the trial judges of each of the eight Judicial Circuits and of the Court of Appeals attend. Papers are read on both procedural and substantive law, and there is an exchange of ideas with respect to the administration of justice, a more detailed account of which is carried on page 13 of this report.

(3) The Administrative Office of the Courts

The broad scope of the work of the Administrative Office being set out not only in the statute creating it, which is carried herein on page 106, but also summarized in greater detail elsewhere, is not repeated here. It does not seem inappropriate, however, to point out that as the years of its existence increase, likewise does its extracurricular activities. All inquiries pertaining to the Courts seem eventually to reach the Administrative Office. Each one is given careful attention, whether it be a request by a

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(a) Deputy Clerks will not be included after July 1, 1960.

Bar Association committee for information concerning the work of the court in its particular jurisdiction or from a newspaper, a neighboring state official, or, as occurs not infrequently, a student seeking material for a class project.

During the year the director has appeared before various committees of the State Legislature to explain or comment on proposed bills affecting the judiciary, and was one of the speakers on the program of the Committee on Continuing Legal Education of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. He also participated in a panel discussion at the regional Traffic Court Conference for New England conducted at the Yale University Law School in cooperation with the American Bar Association Traffic Court program and Traffic Institute of Northwestern University, and attended the meeting in Annapolis of Trial Magistrates called by Governor J. Millard Tawes to promote traffic safety. He was one of the speakers in Chicago at the National Conference on Judicial Selection and Court Administration.

At its annual meeting in August the National Conference of Court Administrative Officers elected him national chairman to head the organization for the succeeding year. At this meeting the Maryland director also presided over a panel discussion on "Preparation of Reports of Administrative Officers".

In addition to an annual report and monthly statistical compilations of the work of the courts, the Administrative Office published several pamphlets, including a "Survey of Memorandum Opinions Filed In Habeas Corpus and Post Conviction Procedure Act Cases", a "Compilation of Acts of the General Assembly Affecting Clerks of Court", a "Judicial Telephone Directory", listing not only judges but also State's Attorneys, Clerks of Court and Sheriffs, a "Directory of Court Stenographers", as well as compilations of Judges' Quarterly Reports". The Seventeenth and Eighteenth reports of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals also were prepared and published, as were two papers by the director entitled "High Spots of Current Legislation and Decisions" and "New Rules Relating To Special Proceedings".

(4) Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Court of Appeals:

Composed of members of the Bench and Bar with statewide representation, this Committee assists the Court of Appeals in the performance of those duties specified by the constitution requiring that from time to time the court make rules and regulations to regulate and revise the practice and procedure in the courts of the state. Serving without compensation, the fifteen members of this Committee meet regularly to consider and prepare final drafts on subjects which have received preliminary study by subcommittees. It has filed 18 reports embracing a series of proposed rules which have been approved and adopted by the appellate court as the Maryland Rules of Procedure. These rules have the force of law until rescinded, changed or modified either by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law. There are budgetary allowances for salaried assistants, traveling expenses and certain other items on this program, which are disbursed by the Administrative Office.

In his capacity as Reporter for the Committee, the Director of the Administrative Office not only prepares the official record of all meetings, but supervises subsequent mimeographing and distribution to members. In addition, Administrative Office personnel prepare sub-committee preliminary drafts of rules and subsequent redrafts, as well as final reports of the full committee for submission to the Court of Appeals.

(5) Court Costs Incurred by Indigent Defendants:

Under this program is expended an appropriation for the expenses of indigent defendants prosecuting appeals in criminal cases to the Court of Appeals. There are statutory provisions not only for appeals in "forma pauperis" in death sentences at the expense of the State, but also for appeals in any type of criminal case by defendants unable by reason of poverty to defray the costs of an appeal. During the 1958 Term of Court, 35 indigent defendants filed appeals. Such cases necessitated an outlay of \$19,643.42 through this office, during the fiscal year 1959 (July 1, 1958 - June 30, 1959),

the money being expended not only for transcripts of the trial testimony but also for the printing of briefs, appendices and extracts of record, as well as for counsel fees awarded by the Court of Appeals.

#### (6) Defective Delinquents

Under provisions in the Annotated Code of Maryland whenever a request has been made to examine any person for defective delinquency by a State's Attorney or by a Court on its own initiative, then such person is entitled, upon request, to be examined by a practitioner of psychiatry of his own choice for the purpose of determining whether he is a defective delinquent within the terms of the Code provision. Fees for these examinations are paid by this office under a section of the Act which provides that the reasonable costs of such examinations shall be defrayed by the State of Maryland from an appropriation in the Judiciary budget.

During the fiscal year 1959, the Administrative Office expended in payment of such fees a total of \$4,050.00, which sum represents the cost of 53 medical examinations.

#### (7) Reporting

To prepare for publication the official reports, known as the Maryland Reports, of all cases determined by the Court of Appeals of Maryland and designated by it to be reported, there is a State Reporter who is appointed by the appellate court. This program provides not only for his salary and that of his assistant and a part time staff of three, but also for the purchase of 300 copies of each volume of the Maryland reports. Generally there are either three or four volumes published each year, and also a number of advance reports in pamphlet form.

#### (8) Recording

This program provides for the payment of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and of four deputies and other clerical assistants employed by him. Appointed by the Court of Appeals, the clerk has custody of all records and papers and opinions of the

court. The laws of the General Assembly, when signed, are deposited in his office, as are all of the rules and regulations of the various State departments. The work of the office is detailed elsewhere in this volume.

## II THE JUDICIARY

The Judiciary of Maryland, including the qualifications and appointment of Judges and their basic judicial powers, is provided for generally in Article IV of the State Constitution. Additional provisions appertaining to jurisdiction, powers, salaries and pensions, and the appointment of other personnel are contained in Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Seven new judgeships at the trial court level were created at the 1959 Session of the General Assembly, with provision for possibly four additional ones by constitutional amendment to be submitted to the electorate in November 1960. The new positions, which have been filled by appointment, bring to 47 the total number of trial court judges in the state. The proposed constitutional amendments, if adopted, will provide two additional judges for Prince George's County and one each for Montgomery and Kent counties, making a total of 51 trial court judges in the state. In this event each of the twenty-three counties, other than Talbot, will have a resident Judge. Of the recently appointed jurists, two are presiding in Baltimore City, two in Baltimore County, and one each in Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County and Worcester County.

The accompanying chart reveals the distribution of 15 trial judges added to

the State judiciary by constitutional amendment or legislative enactment since 1953, prior to which date the number had remained static for a considerable period of time.

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
First	3	3	3	3	3	4
Second	3	3	3	3	3	3
Third	3	3	4	5	5	7
Fourth	3	4	4	4	3	3
Fifth	3	3	3	4	4	5
Sixth	3	4	4	4	4	5
Seventh	3	4	4	5	5	5
Eighth	11	11	11	13	13	15
State	32	35	36	41	40	47

The numerical gain in the membership of the trial court judiciary has had the effect of preventing an out-of-hand increase in the work load of the courts, insofar as it is reflected by the number of cases filed.

Likewise, an increase in the ratio of population per judge has been curtailed. The adjoining table depicts the ratio of population per judge in the various circuits during the years in-

Ratio of Judges to Population			
Judicial Circuit	1950	1957	1959 <sup>a</sup>
First	1/37,179	1/40,600	1/31,100
Second	1/37,699	1/39,333	1/39,866
Third	1/108,444	1/102,200	1/76,643
Fourth	1/63,339	1/63,166	1/63,333
Fifth	1/62,939	1/68,250	1/57,400
Sixth	1/76,278	1/90,125	1/76,040
Seventh	1/87,324	1/83,800	1/87,580
Eighth	1/86,363	1/75,692	1/65,666

a - Based on the number of judges on the Bench at the end of 1959.

indicated. There also appears a companion table reflecting cases filed per judge in each of the judicial circuits.

There is a school of thought which holds that an accurate test of the work

NUMBER OF CASES FILED PER JUDGE										
Judicial Circuit	Civil Cases					Criminal Cases				
	1950-51	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1950-51	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
First	427	521	538	485	365	155	103	196	223	176
Second	439	479	479	521	451	116	147	136	147	172
Third	901	886	766	857	677	201	193	177	197	171
Fourth	669	472	556	733	674	150	134	161	207	159
Fifth	591	830	768	825	707	160	226	145	161	221
Sixth	856	804	857	788	654	142	128	125	113	107
Seventh	972	867	742	815	801	404	354	324	258	262
Eighth	1213	1310	1222	1254	1143	No Report	516	515	578	487

load of a given court is the number of cases filed. This approach, of course, can only have merit if there be uniform classification of cases instituted, and a total report of every type filed, whether it anticipates a formal trial or merely the signing of a peremptory order.

The table to the right shows the per cent of the State's trial judges, population and civil and criminal cases in each judicial circuit at this time.

Percentage Table Based on Population, Judges and Cases Instituted				
Judicial Circuit	Per cent of Judges	Per cent of Population	Per cent of Civil Cases Filed	Per cent of Criminal Cases Filed
First	8.6	4.1	3.9	5.5
Second	6.4	3.9	3.6	4.0
Third	14.9	17.5	12.7	8.6
Fourth	6.4	6.2	5.3	5.1
Fifth	10.6	9.4	9.4	6.1
Sixth	10.6	12.4	8.8	4.1
Seventh	10.6	14.3	10.7	10.1
Eighth	31.9	32.2	45.6	56.5
Metropolitan*	31.9	40.3	32.3	21.2
Other 19 Counties	36.2	27.5	22.1	22.3

\* Judges from three adjoining jurisdictions regularly assist in one county of this group.

The judges of the Court of Appeals and of the eight judicial circuits of the state are, in order of seniority:

Hon. Frederick W. Brune (a)  
Hon. William L. Henderson (b)  
Hon. Hall Hammond (b)  
Hon. Stedman Prescott (b)  
Hon. William R. Horney (b)

Hon. S. Ralph Warnken  
Hon. J. DeWeese Carter (c)  
Hon. J. Dudley Digges  
Hon. Morgan C. Harris (c)  
Hon. Joseph R. Byrnes  
Hon. Joseph L. Carter

Hon. Edwin Harlan  
Hon. Philip H. Dorsey, Jr.  
Hon. John E. Raine, Jr.  
Hon. Anselm Sodaro  
Hon. Joseph Allen  
Hon. Matthew S. Evans

Hon. Emory H. Niles (c)  
Hon. James E. Boylan, Jr. (c)  
Hon. John B. Gray, Jr. (c)  
Hon. Charles C. Marbury  
Hon. Patrick M. Schnauffer (c)  
Hon. W. Laird Henry, Jr. (c)

Hon. E. McMaster Duer  
Hon. James K. Cullen  
Hon. Rex A. Taylor  
Hon. Stewart Day  
Hon. Thomas M. Anderson  
Hon. Neil C. Fraley

Hon. Edward D.E. Rollins  
Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Jr.  
Hon. W. Albert Menchine  
Hon. James H. Pugh  
Hon. James J. Lindsay  
Hon. George M. Berry

Hon. John T. Tucker  
Hon. Charles E. Moylan  
Hon. John B. Gontrum (c)  
Hon. E. Paul Mason  
Hon. Michael J. Manley  
Hon. Benjamin Michaelson

Hon. John R. Fletcher  
Hon. James Macgill  
Hon. D. K. McLaughlin  
Hon. Kathryn J. Lawlor  
Hon. Lester L. Barrett  
Hon. Reuben Oppenheimer

Hon. Ralph G. Shure  
Hon. O. Bowie Duckett  
Hon. Godfrey Child  
Hon. J. Gilbert Prendergast  
Hon. Dulany Foster

- (a) Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals  
(b) Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals  
(c) Chief Judge of Judicial Circuit



## Population

Not without considerable effect on the work of the courts is the population trend in the state. Coinciding with an increase of court activity, is a spiraling population count, especially in those suburban areas adjacent to metropolitan centers where it has concentrated. Population records <sup>a</sup> disclose that since 1950 Montgomery and Prince George's counties adjacent to the District of Columbia have increased in population by 26.5 and 30.8 per cent, respectively. Similarly Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County, both on the perimeter of Baltimore City, have increased 25.4 and 24.6 per cent each. With 40 per cent of the population of the State concentrated in these four ring counties, <sup>b</sup> this figure when combined with that for Baltimore City places at 75 per cent the people of the state living in urban areas. Three of the above counties being located in the second appellate judicial circuit, <sup>c</sup> results in that legal sub-division having more than one-half of the state population.

To portray the effect of the state's growth upon the work of the courts as reflected by the cases instituted, the table on the following page has been prepared. The data therein reveals the 1959 population of the state to be 12.6 per cent greater than it

(e) Population <sup>1</sup>	1950	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959		1950	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Maryland State	2,354,158	2,717,300	2,807,300	2,894,500	2,977,800	3,060,700	Garrett	21,259	19,000	19,500	19,000	19,000	19,000
Baltimore City	950,000	966,000	976,000	979,000	982,000	985,000	Harford	52,200	62,500	64,000	66,000	68,000	70,500
Total Counties	1,404,158	1,751,300	1,833,300	1,915,500	1,995,800	2,075,700	Howard	23,268	27,300	28,700	29,500	30,500	31,500
							Kent	13,694	14,700	14,900	15,300	15,900	16,200
Allsgary	89,622	82,500	82,500	83,000	83,000	83,000	Montgomery	166,443	245,000	256,500	274,000	291,000	310,000
Anne Arundel	116,617	160,500	176,100	177,000	188,000	200,000	Prince George's	196,799	271,200	296,500	318,000	336,000	355,000
Baltimore	273,134	371,500	399,200	422,000	446,000	466,000	Queen Anna's	14,594	15,100	15,200	15,000	15,200	15,400
Calvert	12,440	13,500	13,800	14,500	15,000	15,300	Saint Mary's	29,473	35,000	36,500	38,000	38,000	38,000
Caroline	18,251	18,600	18,600	18,600	18,800	19,000	Somerset	20,751	21,100	21,100	20,000	20,000	20,000
Carroll	45,054	52,000	52,700	53,400	54,500	55,500	Talbot	19,456	19,500	19,500	20,100	20,500	21,000
Cecil	33,530	44,000	44,700	46,000	47,000	48,000	Washington	79,137	86,000	87,300	87,000	87,500	88,000
Charles	23,560	27,200	28,000	29,200	29,400	29,600	Wicomico	39,769	45,600	46,600	47,800	49,000	50,000
Dorchester	27,820	28,000	28,000	28,600	29,000	29,200	Worcester	23,196	24,600	24,600	24,800	25,000	25,300
Frederick	62,421	66,900	67,800	68,700	69,500	70,200							

(1) Division of Vital Records and Statistics, Maryland State Department of Health - Population Estimates for Maryland Areas. The estimates for 1959 are as of July 1, 1959.

(b) Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

(c) Includes the following counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Harford, Prince George's and St. Mary's.

was in 1955, while the increase in the number of civil and criminal cases filed was 17.2 per cent and 21.4 per cent, respectively.

RELATIVE POPULATION AND CASE LOAD STATISTICS  
1955-56 COMPARED WITH 1958-59

	POPULATION			CIVIL CASES FILED			CRIMINAL CASES FILED		
	1955-56	1958-59	Relative Change	1955-56	1958-59	Relative Change	1955-56	1958-59	Relative Change
FIRST CIRCUIT	119,300	124,500	4.1	1,564	1,460	-6.6	608	705	15.9
Dorchester	28,000	29,200		250	248		142	73	
Somerset	21,100	20,000		304	231		90	125	
Wicomico	45,600	50,000		638	578		202	381	
Worcester	24,600	25,300		372	403		174	126	
SECOND CIRCUIT	111,900	119,600	3.9	1,338	1,354	-1.2	440	515	17.6
Caroline	18,600	19,000		176	195		27	95	
Cecil	44,000	48,000		523	603		99	106	
Kent	14,700	16,200		172	161		96	83	
Queen Anne's	15,100	15,400		242	198		92	58	
Talbot	19,500	21,000		225	197		126	173	
THIRD CIRCUIT	434,000	536,500	17.5	3,544	4,744	33.8	773	1,110	43.6
Baltimore	371,500	466,000		2,828	3,927		633	925	
Harford	62,500	70,500		716	817		140	185	
FOURTH CIRCUIT	187,500	190,000	6.2	1,890	2,022	6.9	535	663	23.4
Allegany	82,500	83,000		848	884		160	171	
Garrett	19,000	19,000		217	204		64	76	
Washington	86,000	88,000		825	934		311	416	
FIFTH CIRCUIT	239,800	287,000	9.4	2,490	3,537	42.4	678	783	15.4
Anne Arundel	160,500	200,000		1,704	2,376		426	504	
Carroll	52,000	55,500		486	646		67	61	
Howard	27,300	31,500		300	515		185	218	
SIXTH CIRCUIT	311,900	380,200	12.4	3,217	3,271	1.5	519	534	2.8
Frederick	66,900	70,200		670	592		159	163	
Montgomery	245,000	310,000		2,547	2,679		360	371	
SEVENTH CIRCUIT	346,700	437,900	14.3	3,470	4,004	15.4	1,416	1,313	7.8
Calvert	13,500	15,300		264	209		162	120	
Charles	27,200	29,600		247	269		135	145	
Prince George's	271,000	355,000		2,620	3,149		1,025	923	
St. Mary's	35,000	38,000		339	377		94	125	
EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
Baltimore City	966,000	985,000	32.2	14,409	17,153	19.0	5,679	7,313	28.1
STATE	2,717,300	3,060,700	12.6	32,022	37,545	17.2	10,648	12,936	21.4

### III THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

The Fourteenth Annual meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference was held in Baltimore, December 3rd and 4th, 1958. The organization assembled almost two months earlier than usual so as to have its conference coincide with the midwinter meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association. The latter had advanced its meeting date so as to consider legislation affecting the reorganization of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, which was being proposed for submission to the General Assembly.

Called each year by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the trial judges of each of the eight judicial circuits as well as those of the Court of Appeals being invited, the conference is usually held in Baltimore for two days in the latter part of January. Papers on timely legal subjects, both procedural and substantive, are read. There is an exchange of ideas with respect to the administration of justice and of any special subjects in connection therewith that may be introduced by any of the judges.

In addition to a report on the work of the courts by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the program of the Conference included a series of papers prepared by members, each being followed by general discussion. Titles of papers presented, and their authors were:

Post Conviction Procedure Act - Its Administration  
Hon. S. Ralph Warnken  
Hon. David K. McLaughlin

Bail - Defendants and State's Witnesses - Problems of Administration  
Hon. J. Dudley Digges  
Hon. John E. Raine, Jr.

Multiple Defendants - Directed Verdict - Motion for Judgment N.O.V. as to One Defendant  
Hon. Michael J. Manley  
Hon. Rex A. Taylor

Should the State in a Criminal Case be Given an Unlimited Right of Appeal and If Not, At Least a Limited Right in Order to Obtain Advisory Instructions From the Court of Appeals.

Hon. Matthew S. Evans

Hon. Anselm Sodaro

The Unsatisfied Judgment Claim and Fund Law

Hon. Kathryn J. Lawlor

Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Jr.

Having been elected as permanent secretary of the Conference, at its eleventh annual meeting in 1956, the Director of the Administrative Office continues to serve in that capacity. He also supervises an appropriation provided in the State's judiciary budget for the expenses of the Conference, the expenditure of such funds being subject to his approval.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Conference is scheduled for January 21st and 22nd, 1960.

#### IV THE COURT OF APPEALS

For the first time in several years there was a decrease in the number of regular appeals filed in the Court of Appeals. Sixteen fewer cases were docketed, a decrease of 5.3 per cent when compared with the preceding term of court.

With no specific cause for the drop from 299 to 283 cases being apparent, the consensus of opinion inclines to the theory that it represents merely a normal fluctuation on the plateau established since 1955, and is not necessarily a trend toward the lower average maintained during the preceding ten year period.

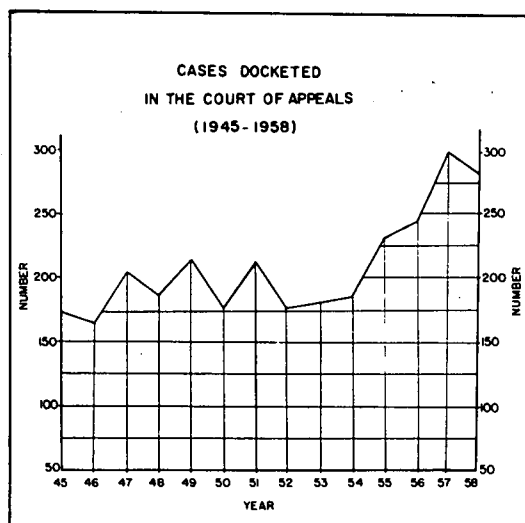
While prior to 1955 appeals docketed in the appellate court averaged 187 annually, the last four years saw the average mount to 264, the actual figures being 231, 243, 299 and 283, respectively. The year to year fluctuation as portrayed in

the charts hereon reveals the peak to have been reached in 1957.

Continuing growth of the state's population, coupled not only with a shift from rural to urban living but also with an increase of 17 per cent in the number of trial judges in the state, supports the probability of the work of the appellate court being maintained at the current, or even higher level in the foreseeable future.

Because of two cases having been advanced from the September Term 1959, and another carried from the October Term 1955, there were actually 286 appeals on the docket for appellate review. Of these, five were advanced and heard during the 1957 court term and one was renumbered for hearing during the 1959 term of court. Of the remaining group, 223 were ruled on and 57, or 20 per cent, were dismissed before receiving appellate consideration.

With the elimination of 12 opinions written by trial judges specially assigned to the court, 37 is the average number of majority opinions filed by each regular member of the five man court, the number by individual judges varying from 26 to 40 opinions. Comparative figures over the past several years are charted in the graph on page six-

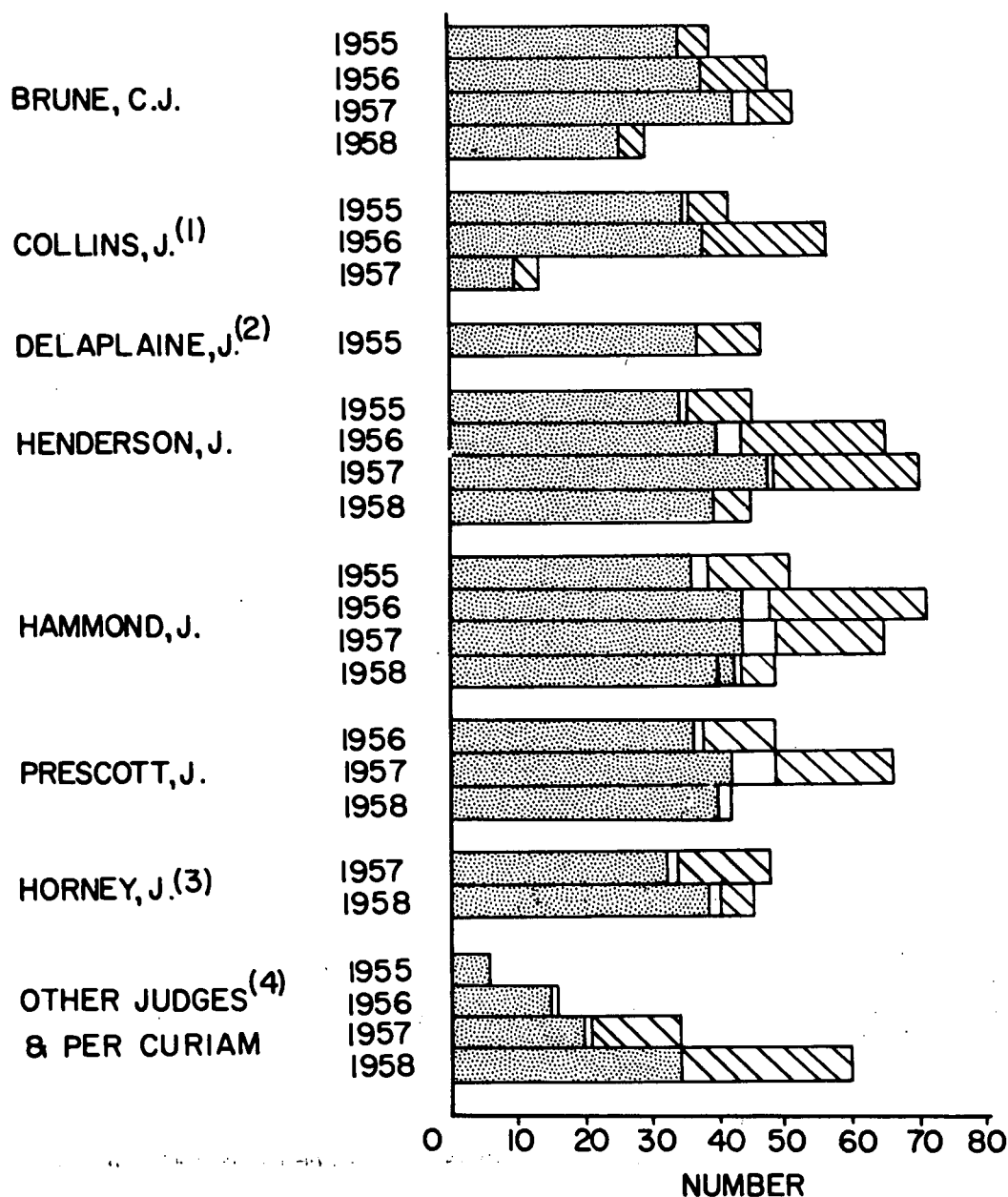


CASES DOCKETED IN THE COURT  
OF APPEALS DURING TERMS OF COURT  
NUMERATED  
(1945 - 1958)

1945 - 172	1952 - 176
1946 - 166	1953 - 180
1947 - 205	1954 - 183
1948 - 187	1955 - 231
1949 - 214	1956 - 243
1950 - 178	1957 - 299
1951 - 212	1958 - 283

teen. Not included, of course, are 22 per curiam opinions, 10 dissents, and some 41 habeas corpus and Post Conviction Act cases, to which subsequent reference will be made. This latter group, when added to the majority opinions, brings the average for each judge to 52, a 40 per cent increase over the percentage computed for majority opinions only.

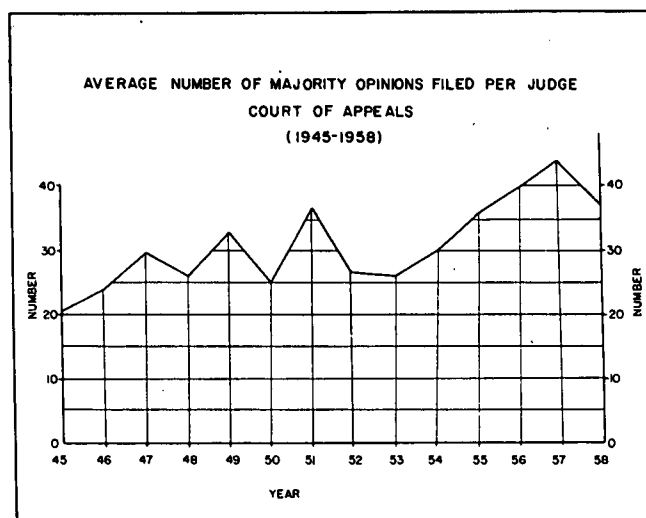
**PICTOGRAPH SHOWING NUMBER OF OPINIONS BY  
THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS DURING  
THE TERM OF COURT INDICATED**



(1) RETIRED NOV. 2, 1957      (2) RETIRED OCT 1, 1956  
 (3) TOOK OATH OF OFFICE NOV. 5, 1957  
 (4) CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES SPECIALLY ASSIGNED  
 TO SIT WITH THE APPELLATE COURT.

MAJORITY     
  CONCURRING & OR DISSENTING     
  HABEAS CORPUS & P.C.P.A.

The pro-rata distribution of law, equity and criminal cases among the appellate judges and the opinions written is portrayed on page 24. Also pinpointed are the extremely few per curiams recorded in equity matters, 90 per cent of the per curiam opinions being divided between law and criminal cases.



While the number of opinions written on behalf of the Court of Appeals by the trial court judges designated to sit with that court during the past term of court are listed in the tables, it is not to be inferred that these figures represent the number of

Judge	Days Presided	Cases Heard	Opinions Written
Digges, J.	3	11	2
Henry, J.	6	17	4
Keating, J.	4	13	3
Niles, J.	1	1	0
Oppenheimer, J.	4	10	3
Totals	18	52	12

cases in which they participated. The five trial court judges who presided from time to time with the appellate court, sat a total of 18 days and heard an aggregate of 52 cases. A breakdown of their activities in this connection is charted hereon.

While but incidental to the work of the court, it is of passing interest to observe the disposition of cases reviewed during the year, 68 per cent having been affirmed either in whole or in part. The relative disposition of each type of case in which an opinion was filed is tabulated elsewhere herein, the figures below giving but a composite picture.

Repeating a pattern apparent over the past several terms of court, approximately 80 per cent of its work originated in the urbanized sections of the state. The four metropolitan counties of

RELATIVE DISPOSITION OF CASES REVIEWED				
	ALL CASES	LAW	EQUITY	CRIMINAL
Affirmed in whole or in part*	68.4	65.6	66.6	77.7
Reversed	28.8	31.2	30.8	20.0
Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal	2.8	3.2	2.6	2.3

\* Includes cases modified, remanded for modification, reduced and affirmed.

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's, while contributing 35.8 per cent of the current appeals, experienced, however, a decrease in their totals, falling from 126

	RELATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF APPEALS			
	Terms of Court			
	October 1955	October 1956	September 1957	September 1958
Metropolitan Counties	39.6	37.0	42.1	35.8
Baltimore City	44.9	43.2	35.5	44.5
Other 19 counties	15.5	19.8	22.4	19.7

to 101 appeals. Baltimore City, on the other hand, with 125 appellate cases, 20 more than last year, accounted for 44.5 per cent of the appellate cases. Fifty-five, or 19.7 per cent of the appeals were from 16 other counties, as three counties - Kent, Talbot and Calvert - sent none up for review. Appeals from Wicomico County increased from four to twelve, while those emanating from Baltimore and Montgomery counties decreased by 12 and 14, respectively.

Although the numerical distribution by county as well as by appellate judicial circuit of appeals filed in the Court of Appeals during the last four terms of court are listed on page 27, the following chart has been inserted to depict percentage-wise what variance there has been in the source of the appeals.

DISTRIBUTION BY APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF APPEALS FILED IN THE COURT OF APPEALS DURING THE TERMS OF COURT INDICATED									
Numerical Distribution				Appellate Judicial Circuits	Relative Distribution				
October 1955	October 1956	September 1957	September 1958		October 1955	October 1956	September 1957	September 1958	
231*	243	299	283	Total	100.0*	100.0	100.0	100.0	
15	19	22	28	First	6.5	7.8	7.3	9.8	
71	74	93	76	Second	30.7	30.5	31.1	26.9	
39	45	78	53	Third	16.5	18.5	26.1	18.8	
102	105	106	126 <sup>a</sup>	Fourth	44.5	43.2	35.5	44.5	

\* Four unidentified appeals dismissed prior to Administrative Office reporting system, comprising 1.8 per cent of the total.

a - Includes one case appealed directly from an Administrative agency.

While the average time intervals in the disposition of the appeals varied but little, the intervals between both docketing and decision and argument and decision were somewhat less than a year ago. With the exception of a tax case in which the decision



of the court was announced in a per curiam memorandum the day of argument, the shortest time in which a written opinion of the court was filed was 20 days, as opposed to three months for the longest lapse of time between argument and de-

AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS DECIDED				
	September Term 1957		September Term 1958	
	<u>Docketed to Decision</u>	<u>Argued to Decision</u>	<u>Docketed to Decision</u>	<u>Argued to Decision</u>
All Cases	6.0 mos	1.4 mos	5.8 mos	1.0 mos
Law Cases	5.8 mos	1.4 mos	4.6 mos	1.2 mos
Equity Cases	6.2 mos	1.5 mos	6.1 mos	.9 mos
Criminal Cases	6.2 mos	1.2 mos	4.9 mos	1.2 mos

cision. Final decisions, on the average, were rendered within six months after docketing of a case in the Court of Appeals. Other than one held pending decision in the appellate court of another state, and one carried from the previous term, the longest delay from the date of docketing to the rendition of final opinion was just under eight months.

Because appeals are docketed beginning March 1st of each year for hearing during a term of court which does not commence until the following September, it is obvious that the delay in disposing of cases on the first half of the docket is considerably greater than in disposing of those cases filed later in the term. The time span between docketing and decision in the earlier cases will be six, seven and sometimes even close to eight months, while in the later numbered cases the court's opinions are handed down within two, three and four months. It is self-evident this situation does not affect the time lapsing between argument and decision.

As in previous years the greatest number of appeals reviewed were from the law courts, followed by equity and criminal matters in that order. Numerically there were 97 law cases, constituting 43 per cent of the aggregate. Equity appeals totaling 81 account for a third of the docket, with criminal matters making up the balance.

The appellate court having continued its policy of requiring attorneys to estimate the length of time they anticipate arguments will consume, comparative analy-

sis of estimation and actuality is available. Impressive, though not surprising, is the difficulty lawyers have in making accurate estimates. A mere 7 per cent of counsel gauged correctly the length of their arguments.

A study of 150 appeals, almost 70 per cent of those argued before the Court, disclosed that in 91 cases arguments required less time than had been supposed, while in 52 of them counsel argued longer than had been expected. In approximately 50 per cent of the cases more than an hour was required to finish the combined arguments, the longest presentations to the court, in any one case, requiring two hours and eighteen minutes. In contrast, arguments in another case lasted but a total of eleven minutes. Appellants in 21 instances consumed the allotted hour, a few even longer, the most prolonged single argument requiring 73 minutes for delivery. Appellees' counsel, however, ran over the 60 minute period in but five cases. The shortest argument of record was delivered in two minutes - by counsel for an appellee.

Classification of cases  
as to subject matter, of necessity an arbitrary process, illus-

trates the wide range of subject matter coming before the appellate court. As many cases include more than one subject matter and could be assigned to one category as well as another, broad interpretation has been given to the terminology used.

#### Habeas Corpus and Post Conviction Procedure Act Cases

While applications for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals in habeas corpus cases first were authorized in 1947, applications in post conviction procedure act cases are of recent innovation, the act setting up a post conviction procedure

VARIATIONS IN ESTIMATES OF APPELLATE ARGUMENTS

In	19	cases	arguments	lasted	1 - 5	minutes	less	than	time	estimated
"	8	"	"	"	6 - 10	"	"	"	"	"
"	17	"	"	"	11 - 15	"	"	"	"	"
"	11	"	"	"	16 - 20	"	"	"	"	"
"	13	"	"	"	21 - 25	"	"	"	"	"
"	14	"	"	"	26 - 30	"	"	"	"	"
"	9	"	"	"	Over 30	"	"	"	"	"

In	13	cases	arguments	lasted	1 - 5	minutes	more	than	time	estimated
"	18	"	"	"	6 - 10	"	"	"	"	"
"	8	"	"	"	11 - 15	"	"	"	"	"
"	6	"	"	"	16 - 20	"	"	"	"	"
"	2	"	"	"	21 - 25	"	"	"	"	"
"	4	"	"	"	26 - 30	"	"	"	"	"
"	1	"	"	"	Over 30	"	"	"	"	"

not having become effective until June 1, 1958.<sup>a</sup> Effective this same date was companion legislation abolishing the right to file similar applications in habeas corpus cases.<sup>b</sup>

Prior to their elimination by the General Assembly, applications for leave to appeal in habeas corpus cases had, through the years gradually increased in number until in the 1957 term of court 128 were filed, disposition of which required the writing of 104 opinions. At the effective date of the Act abolishing them, a total of 27 applications had been filed, but only 25 opinions were necessary to dispose of them, two of the cases having been withdrawn. Of the applications ruled on, two were granted and twenty-three denied.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL IN HABEAS CORPUS CASES

Docketed during term	27		
Withdrawn	<u>2</u>	Applications Granted	2
		Applications Denied	23
Opinions filed	25		

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL UNDER THE  
POST CONVICTION PROCEDURE ACT

Docketed during term	16	Applications Granted and case remanded for further proceedings	6
		Applications Denied	9
		Applications Dismissed because moot	1

During the eight month interval between the effective date of the Post Conviction Procedure Act and the last filing date of the 1958 term of court (February 28, 1958) 16 applications for leave to appeal in post conviction cases were filed. All of these have been disposed of, with six being granted and remanded for further proceedings. One application was dismissed because moot; the remaining nine were denied.

Although the combined total of last year's habeas corpus and post conviction cases was but 43, only 30 per cent of the number of habeas corpus applications filed the previous year, present indications point toward the filing of a tremendous number of applications under the new Post Conviction Procedure Act during the current 1959 term of court. As of December 1, 1959, 87 such matters had been docketed, and there remain

(a) Ch. 44 of the Acts of 1958, as amended by Ch. 429 of the Acts of 1959, now Sections 645A - 645J, inclusive, of Article 27 of the 1957 Annotated Code of Maryland, as supplemented.

(b) Ch. 45 of the Acts of 1958, repealing Section 6 of Article 42 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

three months during which additional applications may be recorded.

The annexed chart depicts the number of applications for leave to appeal in habeas corpus as well as post conviction cases. To ascertain the effect of the new procedure on the work load of both the trial courts and the Court of Appeals and to arrive at appropriate comparative figures, the combined filings for the year 1958-1959 must be considered.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL IN HABEAS CORPUS AND POST CONVICTION PROCEDURE ACT CASES					
	October Term 1955 H.C.	October Term 1956 H.C.	September Term 1957 H.C.	September Term 1958 H.C.	P.C.P.A.
Applications	59	82	128	27	16
Advanced from next term	10	13	0	0	0
Total	49	95	128	27	16
Opinions	42	86	104	25	15
NOTE: Difference in opinions and applications is attributed to cases being withdrawn, consolidated, or dismissed because moot.					

### Designation of Judges

Indigenous to the authority of state Chief Judges in their capacity as administrative heads of their respective judicial systems, is the power to assign trial judges to preside in different areas of the state as needed. Generally exercised when there is illness or disqualification, or in event of overly crowded dockets, such authority enables trial judges to be moved from court to court as their services are most needed. In Maryland constitutional provisions enable the Chief Judge to assign for temporary duty judges of the state from Circuit to Circuit, from Circuit level to the Court of Appeals, and from the Court of Appeals to the Circuit Courts.

The table on the opposite page discloses the assignment of Maryland judges to preside in the Circuit Courts, and the Court of Appeals not only during 1959, but also in the past several years.

DESIGNATION OF JUDGES BY THE CHIEF JUDGE  
OF THE COURT OF APPEALS UNDER SECTION 18A  
OF ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND<sup>a</sup>  
1956 1957

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- (a) When designation was for extended period, no deduction was made for holidays.
- (b) As of October 16, 1959.
- (c) To preside one day each week.

## COURT OF APPEALS

September Term 1958

## STATUS OF THE CALENDAR

Number of Appeals Docketed . . . . .	283 <sup>a</sup>
Carried from October Term 1955. . . . .	1
Advanced from September Term 1959 . . . . .	2
Total . . . . .	286
Dismissed by parties or Court on motion . . . . .	57
Advanced and reported during September Term 1957 . . . . .	5
Renumbered to September Term 1959 . . . . .	1
	63
Cases in which opinions of Court were filed . . . . .	223 <sup>b</sup>

\* includes one case from miscellaneous docket.

a As in two instances one opinion covered two cases, and in another case an additional opinion was filed after re-argument, majority opinions actually totaled 222.

## OPINIONS

	MAJORITY	DISSENTS	H.C. <sup>a</sup>	P.C.P.A. <sup>b</sup>	TOTALS
Brune, C.J.	26	0	2	1	29
Henderson, J.	40	5	1	0	46
Hammond, J.	43	1	2	3	49
Prescott, J.	40 <sup>c</sup>	2	0	0	42
Horney, J.	39	2	2	3	46
Henry, J. <sup>d</sup>	4	0	0	0	4
Digges, J. <sup>d</sup>	2	0	0	0	2
Oppenheimer, J. <sup>d</sup>	3	0	0	0	3
Keating, J. <sup>d</sup>	3	0	0	0	3
Per Curiam	22	0	18	9	49
	222	10	25	16	273

s Applications for leave to Appeal in Habeas Corpus Cases

b Applications for leave to Appeal in Post Conviction Procedure Cases

c Two opinions in one case, which was re-argued

d Specially assigned

## MAJORITY OPINIONS

	LAW	EQUITY	CRIMINAL	TOTAL
Brune, C.J.	13	8	5	26
Henderson, J.	17	14	9	40
Hammond, J.	18	18	7	43
Prescott, J.	16	19	5	40
Horney, J.	16	14	9	39
Henry, J. <sup>s</sup>	1	3	0	4
Digges, J. <sup>s</sup>	1	1	0	2
Oppenheimer, J. <sup>s</sup>	3	0	0	3
Keating, J. <sup>s</sup>	1	2	0	3
Per Curiam	10	2	10	22
	96	81	45	222

s Specially Assigned

## COMPARATIVE TABLE OF OPINIONS FILED

	October 1955	October 1956	September 1957	September 1958
Brune, C.J.	35	39	43	26
Delaplaine, J.	38			
Collins, J.	35	39	10	
Henderson, J.	35	40	48	40
Hammond, J.	36	44	44	43
Prescott, J.		37	42	40
Horney, J.			33	39
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Niles, J.		1		
Gray, J.			5	
Henry, J.				4
Tucker, J.	1			
Moser, J.	1			
Manley, J.		1		
Kintner, J.	1	4		
Henderson, J. (Geo.)		4		
Michaelson, J.		1		
Wsrnken, J.	1			
Carter, J. (J.DeW)			1	
Digges, J.				2
Macgill, J.		1	2	
McLaughlin, J.		2		
Oppenheimer, J.				3
Keating, J.				3
Per Curiam	3		12	22
Totals	186	213	240	222

**SUMMARY OF TYPES OF CASES DISPOSED OF  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

	<u>LAW</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Affirmed	54	44	31	129
Dismissed	3	3	1	7
Affirmed in Part and Reversed in Part	5	4	3	12
Modified or reduced and Affirmed	2	3		5
Reversed	10	5	1	16
Reversed and Remanded	20	16	8	44
Reversed and Dismissed		2		2
Remanded Without Affirm. or Reversal	3	3	1	7
Reversed in Part and Remanded		1		1
Totals	97	81	45	223

**CLASSIFICATION OF CASES  
DISPOSED OF**

**LAW - 97**

Administrative Appeals	6
Contract	18
Defective Delinquent	1
Election Law	1
Libel & Slander	3
Miscellaneous	7
Negligence	28
Motor Torts	13
Other Torts	15
Orphans' Court	1
Real Property	12
Wills & Administration	4
Workmen's Compensation	5
Taxation	1
Trespass	1
Zoning	9

**EQUITY - 81**

Arbitration	1
Administrative Law	4
Constitutional Law	3
Contract	6
Corporation Law	1
Domestic Relations	14
Mechanics Lien	2
Miscellaneous	9
Real Property	17
Regulation of Amusements	1
Specific Performance	8
Taxation	6
Wills & Administration	2
Zoning	7

**CRIMINAL - 45**

**SOURCE OF APPEALS IN WHICH OPINIONS WERE FILED  
BY COURT OF APPEALS**

September Term 1958					September Term 1958				
	<u>LAW</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		<u>LAW</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>					<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Dorchester	1	0	1	2	Frederick	0	1	1	2
Somerset	1	0	0	1	Montgomery	10	14	0	24
Wicomico	6	0	5	11					
Worcester	4	1	1	6	<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>				
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>					Calvert	0	0	0	0
Caroline	0	1	1	2	Charles	0	0	0	0
Cecil	2	0	0	2	Prince George's	9	12	2	23
Kent	0	0	0	0	St. Mary's	1	3	0	4
Queen Anne's	1	0	0	1					
Talbot	0	0	0	0	<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>				
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>					Circuit Court		17		17
Baltimore	13	14	1	28	Circuit Court No. 2		10		10
Harford	2	0	0	2	Baltimore City Ct.	10			10
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>					Common Pleas	2			2
Allegany	1	1	1	3	Superior Court	26			26
Garrett	0	0	0	0	Criminal Court			28	28
Washington	1	0	0	1	<b>OTHER</b>				
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>					Orphans Court of Somerset County	1			1
Anne Arundel	1	5	2	8	Maryland State Board of Law Examiners	1			1
Carroll	2	0	0	2					
Howard	2	2	2	6	<b>TOTALS</b>	97	81	45	223





NUMERICAL DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY OF APPEALS FILED  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS DURING  
THE TERMS OF COURT INDICATED

	October* 1955	October 1956	September 1957	September 1958
<b>FIRST APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</b>				
Caroline	1	0	1	2
Cecil	5	1	3	4
Dorchester	1	3	3	2
Kent	0	0	2	0
Queen Anne's	1	4	4	1
Somerset	1	2	0	1
Talbot	1	2	2	0
Wicomico	2	5	4	12
Worcester	3	2	3	6
<b>SECOND APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</b>				
Anne Arundel	13	10	9	9
Baltimore	29	34	43	31
Calvert	0	1	0	0
Charles	1	4	2	1
Harford	2	4	8	2
Prince George's	26	19	28	29
St. Mary's	0	2	3	4
<b>THIRD APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</b>				
Allegany	9	2	10	5
Carroll	4	4	5	4
Frederick	1	1	3	2
Garrett	2	3	1	1
Howard	1	5	8	7
Montgomery	22	27	46	32
Washington	0	3	5	2
<b>FOURTH APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</b>				
Baltimore City	102	105	106	126(a)

\* Four appeals unidentified

(a) One appeal was direct from an Administrative Agency

## CLERK'S OFFICE

Some indication of the magnitude of the clerical activities in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals may be gleaned from the table hereon, the comparative figures of which are self-explanatory.

	October Term 1955	October Term 1956	September Term 1957	September Term 1958
Cases docketed	231	243	299	283
Habeas Corpus cases docketed	39	82	128	26
Post Conviction cases docketed				16
Briefs filed	457	636	682	598
Briefs filed - Habeas Corpus	70	150	238	52
Briefs filed - Post Conviction				32
Opinions rendered	188	227	248	210
Per Curiams filed	3	0	12	22
Habeas Corpus: Opinions rendered	33	86	104	7
Per Curiams filed				18
Post Conviction: Opinions rendered				7
Per Curiams filed				9
Designations, Petitions, Motions and Orders filed	185	206	368	323
Stipulations, motions and orders	0	454	582	554
Appeals to U.S. Supreme Court prepared, etc.	2	2	5	7
Certified copies issued:				
Bar certificates	150	149	125	127
Opinions, Laws & Miscellaneous	1042	1647	1973	1810
Persons admitted to the Bar	295	238	271	301

## V THE TRIAL COURTS

Consolidated from monthly reports received from the Clerks of Court, on forms provided for the purpose, the statistical data herein provides a basis for determining the work of the trial courts of the State.

The Administrative Office does not look behind the figures reported, as this would call for extensive field surveys for which the office is neither staffed nor equipped. Such surveys, which might be useful in developing complicated and obscure facts, possibly would not be too time consuming if limited to those nine or ten circuit courts in which are filed each year less than 500 cases. In the courts of more populous counties, however, a minute examination of the dockets would require additional clerical help. However, as in past years, a few samplings in some courts are occasionally made to check the accuracy of figures reported.

In striving to develop a fair index to the judicial work load without requesting a too detailed report, an effort has been made to limit the statistics to essential matters such as will not be subject to great variation by slight changes in local procedure, and will permit the use of reporting forms<sup>a</sup> which are not too long and complex. At the same time the desire is to have the information accurate, timely and meaningful, reflecting not only the volume and types of business in the respective counties, but the accomplishments and backlogs as well.

Charts, as well as percentage ratios, have been utilized to more vividly and forceably portray statistical data contained in greater detail in the various tables. No effort has been spared in their planning and careful execution. The tables, in turn, have been reviewed for form and content as well as for clerical accuracy. They are not based on samples but include a complete count of all cases reported.

The inclusion of general information about Maryland courts, their juris-

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(a) Facsimiles of forms are reproduced on pages 104 and 105.

diction in particular instances, and their key personnel is attributable to the fact that copies of the report are circulated among persons not entirely familiar with the local judicial system.

### Civil Cases Filed

For the fourth consecutive report period there has been an increase in civil cases filed in Maryland, an aggregate of 37,545 actions representing a 3.3 per cent rise over the pre-

vious year. With the cases almost equally divided between law and equity, the numeri-

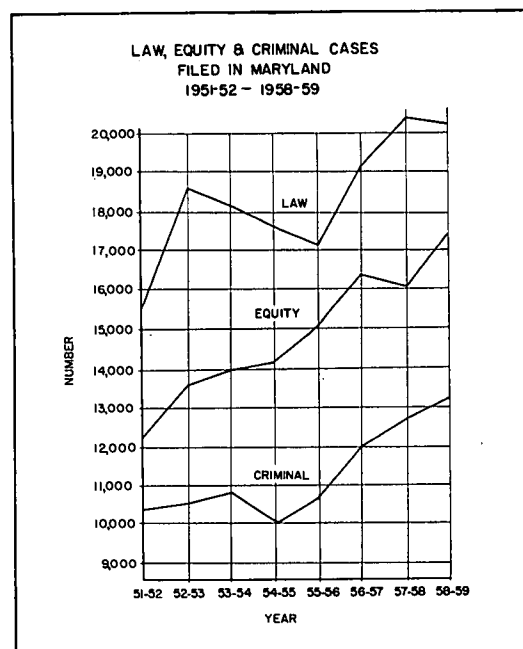
	<u>Civil Cases Instituted</u>			
	<u>1955-56</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>
Total	32,022	35,300	36,336	37,545
Law	17,024	19,009	20,348	20,150
Original Cases	(15,379)	(17,483)	(18,765)	(18,359)
Appeals	( 1,645)	( 1,526)	( 1,583)	( 1,791)
Equity	14,998	16,291	15,988	17,395

cal position of the current filings was maintained by an increase in chancery cases, which climbed from 15,988 to 17,395. During the same period there was a 10 per cent decline in law cases. The latter group included appeals from magistrate courts and administrative agencies as well as newly filed cases. These appeals totaled 1791, of which 926 were from the People's Courts or Magistrate Courts, the remaining 48 per cent being appeals from administrative agencies.

Charts and graphs elsewhere in this volume disclose in detail the distribution of civil actions from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Baltimore City, with 17,153 law and equity actions, accounted for 45 per cent of the case load, while 32 per cent were instituted in the four metropolitan counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's, each of which reported the filing of 2376, 3927, 2679 and 3149 cases, respectively. The balance was distributed throughout the other 19 circuit courts in the State.

Of 20,150 law cases and appeals filed statewide, 5368 or 26.6 per cent were motor tort actions, a slight increase over the past two years. These cases, as usual,

were concentrated in the urban areas, the four counties previously mentioned and the City of Baltimore having together docketed 4624, or 86 per cent of the motor tort cases. This figure is to be compared with the 77 per cent of the total civil actions filed in the same courts, in whose jurisdiction live 75 per cent of the people of the state. The chart showing the motor tort cases filed over the past several years reveals no significant change in the ratio of their distribution between city and counties.



This data reveals that the complaint heard from so many metropolitan centers to the effect law cases arising out of automobile accidents constitute the bulk of law actions filed and unduly clutter the dockets has no foundation of fact in this state. Likewise, as the reports on the trial of cases disclose, the delay in bringing such cases to trial to date has given rise to no great problem. With the exception of some few long in preparation or delayed at the request of the parties involved, they reach trial with the same alacrity as other cases in the courts.

Of some interest are the comparative figures pointing up the docketing of practically the same number of such cases (254 and 253) in Montgomery and Prince George's counties despite a 45,000 difference in population. In Baltimore County, on

the other hand, with an estimated population of 466,000, a total of 542 of motor actions

MOTOR TORTS RELATIVE DISTRIBUTION			
	Metropolitan <sup>(a)</sup> Courts	Baltimore City Courts	Other 19 Counties
1956-57	23.7	58.7	17.6
1957-58	22.5	63.4	14.1
1958-59	23.1	63.0	13.9

(a) Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's.

Motor Tort Cases			
	Total Actions	Motor Torts	Percentage
1955-56	17,024	3,952	23.2
1956-57	19,009	3,940	20.6
1957-58	20,348	4,725	23.2
1958-59	20,150	5,368	26.6

MOTOR TORTS NUMERICAL DISTRIBUTION AS TO COUNTIES (1956-57 - 1958-59)								
	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	
<u>FIRST CIRCUIT</u>				<u>FIFTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Dorchester	6	15	17	Anne Arundel	146	179	191	
Somerset	21	20	20	Carroll	27	48	53	
Wicomico	35	31	62	Howard	30	28	37	
Worcester	26	32	32					
<u>SECOND CIRCUIT</u>				<u>SIXTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Caroline	9	11	16	Frederick	58	44	75	
Cecil	23	30	44	Montgomery	197	179	254	
Kent	8	7	5					
Queen Anne's	13	10	7					
Talbot	11	13	9					
<u>THIRD CIRCUIT</u>				<u>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Baltimore	401	488	542	Calvert	17	16	15	
Harford	75	100	88	Charles	25	24	21	
				Prince George's	191	218	253	
				St. Mary's	24	28	31	
<u>FOURTH CIRCUIT</u>				<u>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Allegany	110	88	76	Baltimore City	2313	3012	3384	
Garrett	33	20	21					
Washington	141	84	115	STATE OF MARYLAND	3940	4725	5368	

were instituted. This means that in Montgomery County there was filed one motor tort case per 1223 of population, and in Prince George's County one per 1403 of population, while one to 859 was the contrasting figure for Baltimore County. In Baltimore City, however, one such case was instituted per 291 persons.

Condemnation cases, many of which require so much of a court's time for actual trial, increased by fifty per cent, reflecting the road building programs undertaken by the State. Only 57 of some 680 condemnation proceedings were filed in the City of Baltimore, more than 90 per cent having been instituted in the different Circuit Courts for the counties. In this respect Carroll leads with 94 actions, followed by Baltimore County with 79, Calvert with 73, Prince George's with 55 and Harford and St. Mary's with 35 each.

Some 3177 confessed judgments were recorded, no court being without any in its files. The

CONDEMNATION CASES FILED 1958-59					
COURTS	Cases	COURTS	Cases	COURTS	Cases
Dorchester	4	Baltimore	79	Frederick	4
Somerset	28	Harford	35	Montgomery	44
Wicomico	17	Allegany	7	Calvert	73
Worcester	11	Garrett	20	Charles	18
Caroline	1	Washington	32	Prince George's	55
Cecil	17	Carroll	94	St. Mary's	35
Kent	7	Anne Arundel	19	Baltimore City	57
Queen Anne's	8	Howard	14	State	680
Talbot	1				

distribution ran a gauntlet from as low as 16 in Garrett County to 229 in Baltimore County and 907 in Baltimore City.

The number of actions listed under the several other categories<sup>a</sup> of cases, arbitrarily selected for this reporting system, are detailed in the chart on page 59.

Approximately half of the actions filed on the equity side of the courts involve domestic relation matters, of which fifty per cent are bills for divorce or maintenance.

Tables depicting equity cases recorded show an overall increase of 1407 cases, but no material change in the distribution across the State.

Other than in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, all types of cases (law, equity and criminal) are filed in each of the courts in Maryland. Separate dockets are maintained for the different categories in each clerk's office. In Baltimore City, however, several courts have been created, each with its individual clerk, to handle the various types of cases. Three of the offices record only "law" cases, two handle only equity matters, while a third deals exclusively with criminal cases. The chart above portrays the dis-

DISTRIBUTION OF LAW AND EQUITY CASES FILED  
IN BALTIMORE CITY  
1958 - 1959

	Law Cases			Totals
	Superior Court	Baltimore City Court	Court of Common Pleas	
Motor Torts	1996	1141	247	3384
Other Torts	682	149	79	910
Confessed Judgments	714	192	1	907
Other Contracts	1414	475	59	1948
Condemnation	57	0	0	57
Habess Corpus	0	98	0	98
Other Law Cases	527	223	7	757
People's Court Appeals	0	557	0	557
Other Appeals	275	268	31	574
Totals	5665	3103	424	9192

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	Equity Cases		Totals
	Circuit Court	Circuit Court No. 2	
Adoption	215	733	948
Divorce	1401	2475	3876
Foreclosure	669	463	1132
Other	1163	842	2005
Totals	3448	4513	7961

(a) Having been asked to explain in detail the types of cases to be included in the different categories listed on this page of the forms, the following list has been prepared:

1. Motor Torts - personal injury and property damage cases arising out of Motor Torts; removed cases arising out of Motor Torts; attachments arising out of Motor Torts; consent cases arising out of Motor Torts.
2. Other Torts - personal injury and property damage cases arising out of Other Torts such as: assault and battery; libel and slander; false imprisonment; miscellaneous; removed cases arising out of Other Torts; consent cases arising out of Other Torts.
4. Other Contracts (other than Confessed Judgments) - actions in assumpsit; actions under Summary Judgment Rule; attachments arising out of contracts; removed cases arising out of contracts.

7. Other Law Cases - detinue; replevin; ejectment; Emergency Priors Control Act; Issues from Orphans' Court; Issues from Equity Court; mandamus; conversion; trespass.

8. Appeals - (Other Appeals) - State Industrial Accident Commission; Municipal Zoning Appeals; Liquor License Commissioners; State Tax Commission; Motion Picture Censors; Supervisors of Elections; State Comptroller; Housing Rent; Funeral Director; Physical Therapy; Employment Security; County Commissioner; Other Administrative bodies.

Attachments mentioned in this list to be reported as new cases instituted or filed, include only attachments on original process, attachments after 2 Non Ests, attachments against non-resident or absconding debtor and attachments for unliquidated damages.

tribution of civil actions in these courts.

The criminal dockets in the State continue to reveal an increasing number of cases being filed, but while the numerical count is greater, the relative increase each year has been materially less. For example, the annual increase, percentage-wise was 11.9 in 1957, and 6.3 in 1958, but only 1.2 in 1959.

With the criminal case load logically following the population trend, we find the urban areas with 75 per cent of the inhabitants of the State reporting 79 per cent of the criminal cases. Approximately 25 per cent of the case load was made up of appeals from magistrate courts, as distinguished from informations and indictments. Half of these appeals, which totaled 3392, involved violation of the traffic laws. While appeals from the Magistrate Courts make up about one-quarter of the state's criminal case load, there is a noticeable variation in the number filed from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. The larger counties were far apart in criminal appeals docketed. Montgomery County reported 206, in contrast to 611 in Prince George's County. Likewise,

#### CRIMINAL APPEALS FROM THE MAGISTRATE COURTS

Sept. 1, 1958 - Aug. 31, 1959

	<u>Traffic Law Cases</u>	<u>Other Criminal Cases</u>		<u>Traffic Law Cases</u>	<u>Other Criminal Cases</u>
FIRST CIRCUIT			FIFTH CIRCUIT		
Dorchester	17	30	Anne Arundel	50	53
Somerset	11	38	Carroll	19	5
Wicomico	91	93	Howard	42	28
Worcester	32	36			
SECOND CIRCUIT			SIXTH CIRCUIT		
Caroline	7	48	Frederick	47	55
Cecil	13	14	Montgomery	88	118
Kent	16	6			
Queen Anne's	9	6	SEVENTH CIRCUIT		
Talbot	24	7	Calvert	39	43
			Charles	17	8
THIRD CIRCUIT			Prince George's	263	348
Baltimore	101	106	St. Mary's	43	21
Harford	38	22			
FOURTH CIRCUIT			EIGHTH CIRCUIT		
Allegany	76	48	Baltimore City	454	501
Garrett	14	9			
Washington	99	139	STATE	1610	1782



Baltimore County, despite its many residents, had but 207 appeals from its trial magistrates.

No information as to the number of criminal cases actually handled at the Trial Magistrate level throughout Maryland being furnished the Administrative Office, the percentage of such cases appealed from these courts of limited jurisdiction is not available.

#### Habeas Corpus and Post Conviction Procedure Act Cases

A part of the statutory law of Maryland since June, 1958, the Post Conviction Procedure Act sets up a procedure whereby any person imprisoned for a criminal offense may attack the legality of his confinement. Grounds for relief expressly set forth in the Act are:

"that the sentence or judgment was imposed in violation of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution or laws of this State, or that the court or trial magistrate, including a Magistrate of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, was without jurisdiction to impose the sentence, or that the sentence is otherwise subject to collateral attack upon any ground of alleged error heretofore available under a writ of habeas corpus, writ of coram nobis, or other common law or statutory remedy."

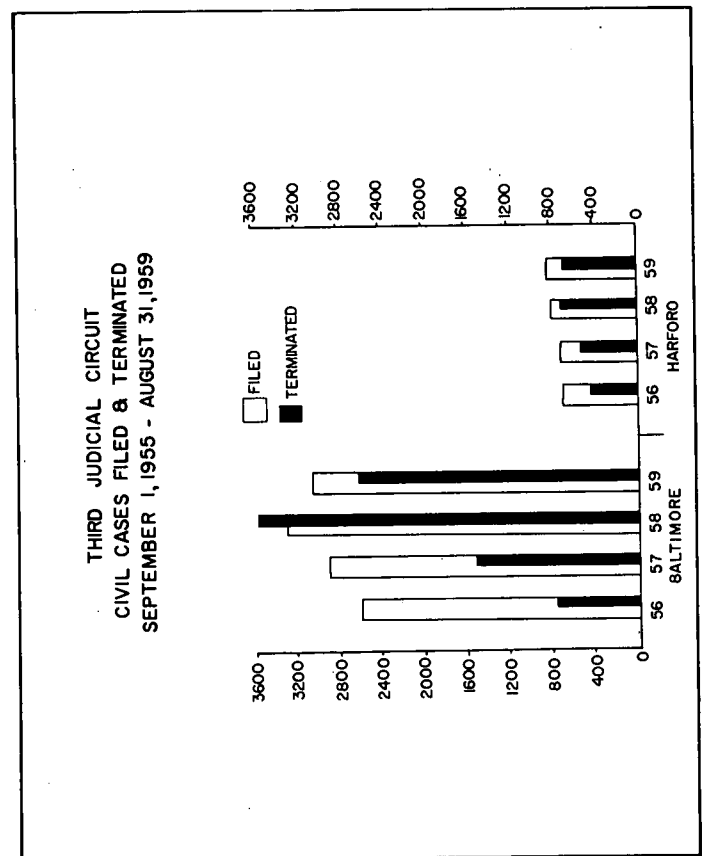
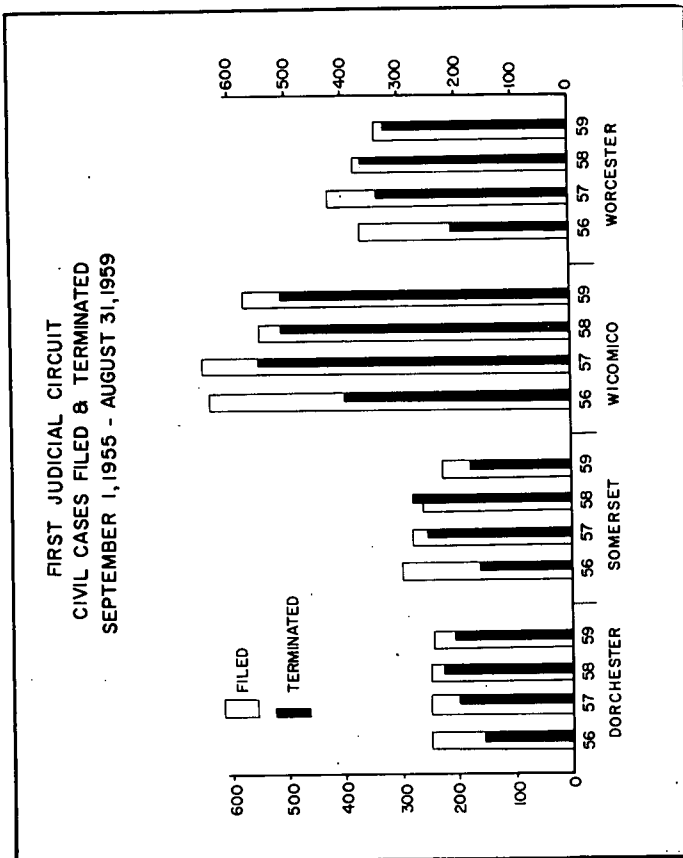
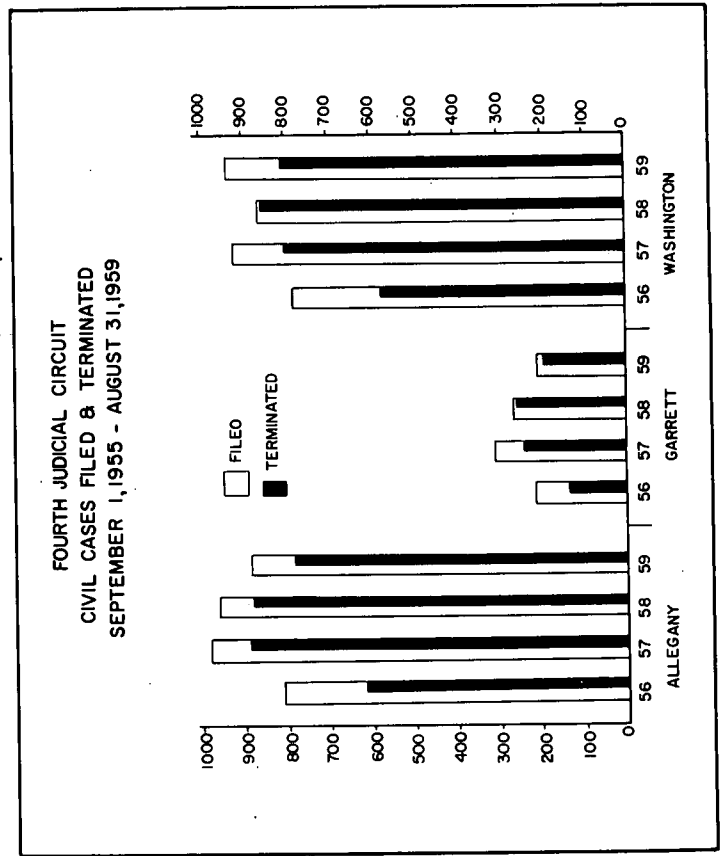
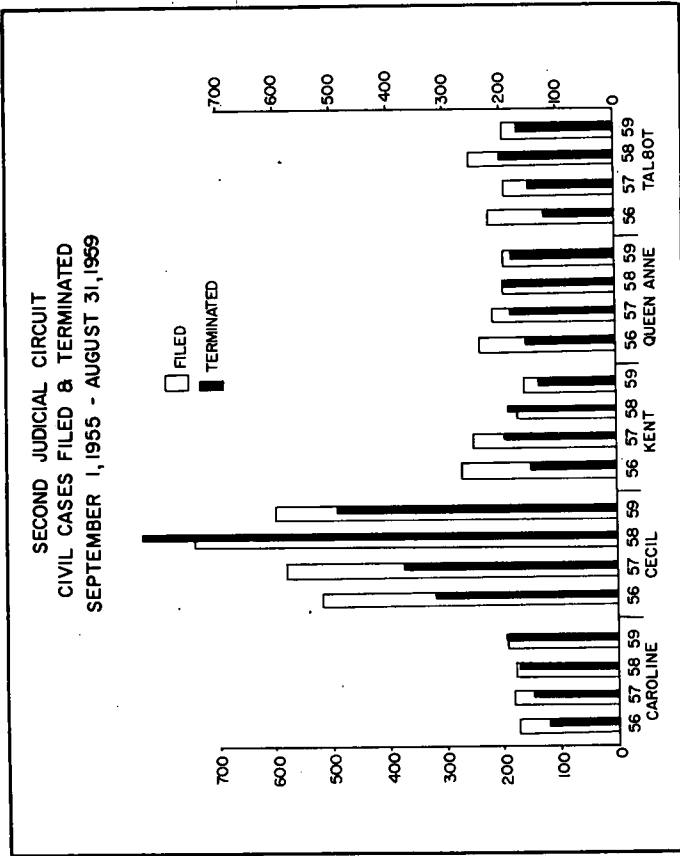
It also provides that any person may apply to the Court of Appeals for leave to appeal from an order passed under the Act.

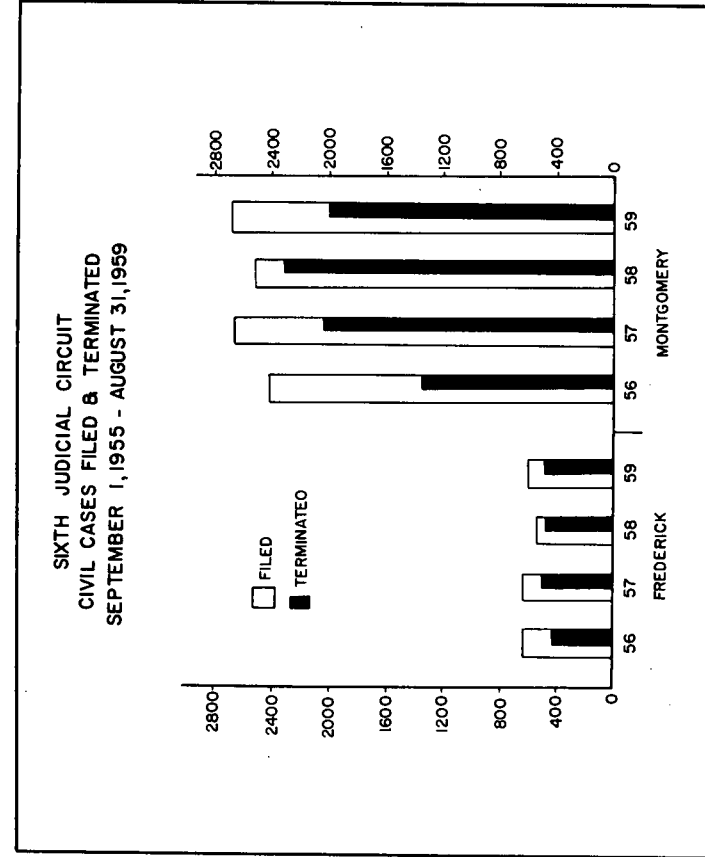
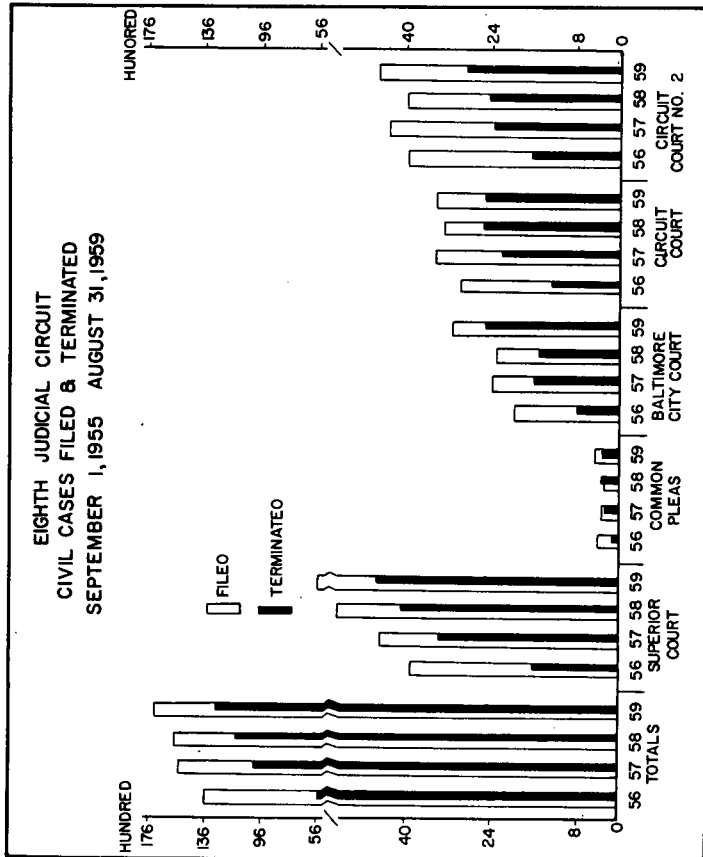
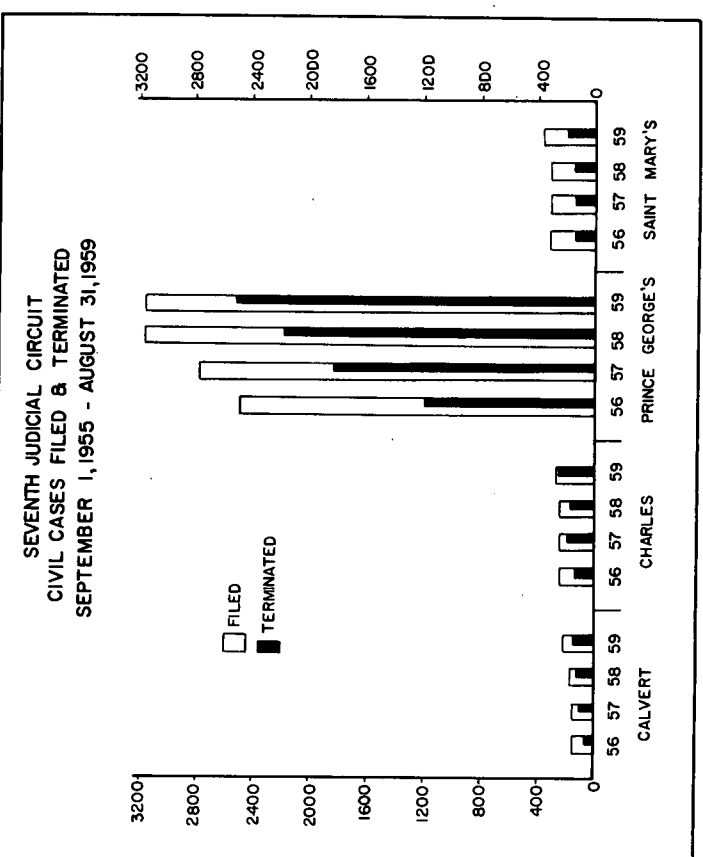
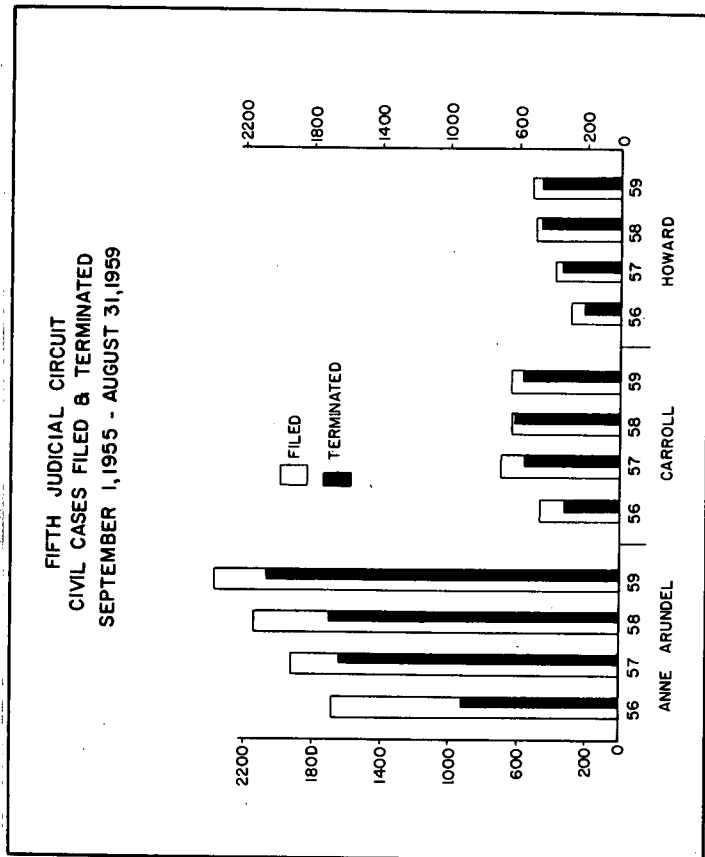
While this Post Conviction Procedure Act encompasses petitions based on grounds heretofore available under the writ of habeas corpus, the latter writ has not been abolished and is still available in Maryland. However, the right to petition the Court of Appeals for leave to appeal from an adverse ruling after a habeas corpus hearing before a trial court, first authorized in 1947, has been abolished.

The right to file petitions for writs of habeas corpus never having been limited in Maryland, it was possible for a single individual to have several hearings before different trial judges, with applications to appeal to the Court of Appeals emanating from more than one adverse ruling. In an apparent effort to control this repetitious citing of the same ground for relief, the Post Conviction Procedure Act provides that a proceeding under it may be instituted only in the county in which the conviction took place and only if the alleged error of the trial court "has not been previously and finally litigated or waived".

Although, as has been said, the Act became effective June 1, 1958, records of petitions filed under its provisions were not originated until the following September. At that time, in order to have recorded the entire number of such petitions docketed in the trial courts, there was included in the reports for September, and as a part of that month's intake, any cases which had been filed during the preceding June, July and August. Consequently the number of post conviction cases listed for 1958-59 in actuality are those for the fifteen month period between June 1, 1958 and August 31, 1959; they will, however, for statistical purposes, be considered as having been filed during the year, despite an estimated 17 per cent of them having been docketed during the three months just mentioned.

The chart on page 68 discloses the petitions for writs of habeas corpus filed in the trial courts of Maryland since September, 1955 and, in addition, for 1958-59, the Post Conviction Procedure Act cases recorded. To adequately compare the volume of the past year with that of its predecessors, the figures for these two types of filings should be read together when considering year to year volumes.





## Terminations and Backlog

Civil cases totaling 28,883 were disposed of during the twelve month period of this report, 16,475 being law cases and 12,408 bills in equity. Percentage-wise, as the tables herein show, equity cases finally disposed of over the past four years constituted but 66 per cent of the total filed, while on the law side of the courts approximately 75 per cent of the litigation was concluded.

These figures refer only to

### Per cent of Civil Cases Terminated Over Four Year Period

8/1/55 - 9/30/59

87.8	Howard
87.1	Caroline
86.9	Allegany
85.8	Washington
85.0	Queen Anne's

84.9	Carroll
82.7	Cecil
82.7	Garrett
82.1	Wicomico
81.6	Somerset

79.7	Worcester
79.5	Kent
78.9	Dorchester
78.0	Frederick
76.7	Charles

76.6	Anne Arundel
75.8	Calvert
75.6	Harford
74.8	Talbot
74.4	Montgomery

70.2	STATE
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66.4	Prince George's
65.6	Baltimore County
64.7	Baltimore City
52.6	St. Mary's

### Per cent of Law Cases Terminated

	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
1955-56	17,024	8,441	8,583	
1956-57	19,009	13,770	13,822	
1957-58	20,348	17,743	16,427	
1958-59	20,150	16,475	20,102	
Totals	76,531	56,429	20,102	73.7

### Per cent of Equity Cases Terminated

	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
1955-56	14,998	6,834	8,154	
1956-57	16,291	10,746	13,709	
1957-58	15,988	12,824	16,863	
1958-59	17,395	12,408	21,860	
Totals	64,672	42,812	21,860	66.2

those cases instituted after August 31, 1955, the date the Administrative Office began its operations. During its first year a large number of the cases terminated in the courts had been filed prior to August, 1955, and were not included in the reports. With the passage of the years the predominate number of cases being disposed of came from those docketed since the 1955 date. Hence the charts herein indicate a rapid increase in terminations reported, with the figures for the last two years showing a leveling off and giving some indication of an approach to a working level or average.

With an ever increasing number of cases reported as pending at the conclusion of each statistical year, the apparent backlog of civil work in Maryland would seem to be reaching astronomical proportions.

On the equity side of the courts alone there are pending more than 21,000 cases. The comparative table on page 61 shows the courts at the heavily populated centers in the state as carrying the larger number of cases. After Baltimore City, with some 12,000, comes Baltimore County, followed by Prince George's, and Montgomery, in that order, all reporting over a thousand equity cases. In the western section, Allegany and Washington counties show more than 300 such cases. The charts list an almost equal number of law cases. When the situation is analyzed, however, it becomes evident that a problem as out of hand as the basic figures might indicate is not presented.

First, it should be pointed out that to alleviate listing as pending as many of the inactive never-to-be-tried equity cases as possible, instructions to the Clerks of Court have been framed to give the word "termination" a connotation broad enough to include **those** Equity cases which to all intent and purpose have been completed and **finished**, although no final order has been recorded.<sup>a</sup>

In an effort also to obtain a realistic picture of the condition of the law

(a) There is a group of cases in Equity which we believe contributes substantially toward creating an apparent backlog of pending cases awaiting action by the Court, when in reality they present no triable issues. After an order is signed whereby the Court grants the relief prayed in the original petition, they will be carried, in numerous instances, on the docket in some of the courts as open cases for considerable periods of time with no action by the trial court required or desired. That a more realistic picture of the pending cases may be obtained, hereafter, in addition to those proceedings heretofore reported terminated as a result of dismissals, settlements, removals, final decrees, etcetera, also report as terminated all those types of cases listed below as indicated:

Petition for the appointment of a Committee for an incompetent.  
(Report as terminated when order is signed appointing the Committee)

Petition for the appointment of a guardian for a minor.  
(Report as terminated when order is signed appointing the Guardian)

Petition for appointment of a Committee to handle affairs of an inebriate.  
(Report as terminated when order is signed appointing the Committee)

Petition of Welfare Board for appointment of a trustee to receive funds on behalf of an incompetent.  
(Report as terminated when order is signed appointing the Trustee)

Write de Lunatico Inquirendo  
(Report as terminated when order is signed appointing the Committee)

Petition of a welfare agency for custody of a minor with right to consent to adoption.  
(Report as terminated when order is signed granting custody)

Petition for support of dependents under Maryland Support of Dependents Act. (Uniform Reciprocal Support Act)

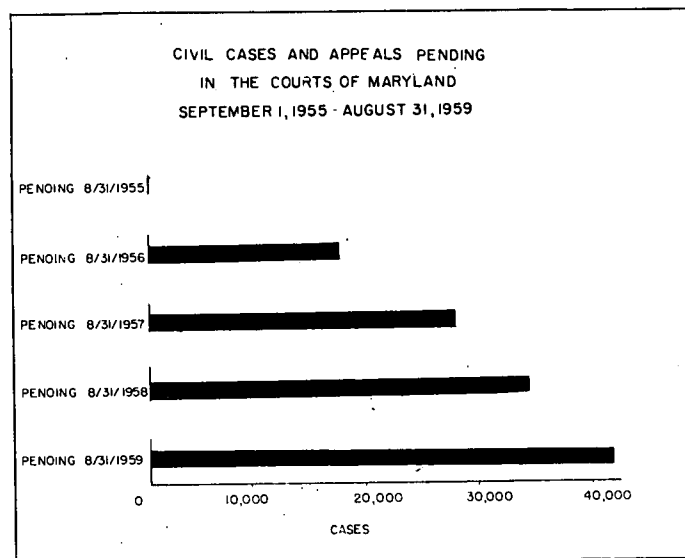
As to "outgoing" cases -  
(Report as terminated when sent to another state, as that State then takes over and proceedings are conducted there)

As to "incoming" cases -  
(If the defendant is summoned, report as terminated when the order, which usually is consented to, is signed setting amount of payment.  
(If the defendant is not found or summoned, when to report as terminated will depend upon local practice. For instance, in Baltimore City the matters are sent to the State's Attorney, and if his investigation reveals the defendant has absconded or cannot be found, he so reports in writing and upon receipt of said report, the case is marked terminated. If in some jurisdictions an attempt is made to summon the defendant through the Sheriff's office, then the case should be reported terminated upon the return of Non Est. )

Conventional Deeds of Trust  
(This term contemplates those cases wherein the Court is requested to assume jurisdiction to supervise the operation of a trust or estate - Report as terminated when order is signed assuming jurisdiction.)

Foreclosure Cases  
(Report as terminated when the auditor's account is filed)

dockets, where, of course, terminations comprehend all those cases which have been disposed of in the courts, whether by settlement, dismissal, removal, verdict or judgment, directives have been issued seeking to eliminate reporting as new cases that group flowing through the offices of the clerks which require no activity on the part of a judge.<sup>a</sup>



#### Examination of the equity

dockets, plus long experience and close observation in the courts leads to the conclusion that a not insignificant proportion of the matters filed and being carried as open cases present no triable issues. For example, foreclosure cases never completed, because, after the required advertisement is published, the mortgagor pays the arrearage and the case proceeds no further, merely remaining on the docket as another "sleeper"; matters in which counsel have directed withdrawal of the subpoena, as well as domestic relation cases in which a temporary order cures the difficulties between the parties involved and the case never is carried to a conclusion; actions in which a decree pro confesso has been filed, but a final order never submitted to the Court. In addition there is a considerable group of cases in which there have been returns of Non Est.

At law, actions in which the defendants have not been summoned will account for a certain portion of the pending case load, in some jurisdictions as high as one-fourth. Under the rules of practice in Maryland these cases may lie dormant indefinite-

(a) Do not report as new cases filed those attachments in the nature of an execution or garnishment on a judgment previously obtained, or the garnishee case arising out of same. In addition, the following matters are not to be reported as new cases: writs of *H. Pa.*; writs of *Sci. Pa.*; petitions filed by Employment Security Board to require an individual to appear before the Board to give testimony or to show cause why he should not be enjoined from conducting his business; Notices of Assessment under

Maryland Unemployment Compensation Law; Notices of Tax Liens under Maryland Sales and Use Tax; Federal Tax Liens; Extraditions; State Roads Commission "Acquisitions" to obtain a hearing before a Board of Review; notices to take deposition before proceedings; supplemental proceedings; Docket Entries from another Court; under Habeas Corpus do not list Habeas Corpus ad testificandum under which a prisoner merely is brought into Court to testify.

ly. A goodly portion of the dead wood will be made up of cases in which the defendant, although summoned, has failed to plead and is in default, but no judgment or other action to terminate the proceedings has been taken. In addition, examination of the dockets invariably discloses a number of cases which never have been placed on the trial or assignment dockets, although at issue and ready for trial. There is also that group in which the parties have agreed upon settlement, but in which no order of satisfaction has been filed, possibly to circumvent payment of costs. Undoubtedly periodic calls of the docket would enable the Courts to dispose of much of this inert matter.

A method adopted in some states in an effort to accurately diagnose the court proceedings and ascertain the ones awaiting court action is to consider as pending only those matters at law which are on the trial dockets. This in turn requires an additional step making it mandatory that when a case is at issue it move automatically to such dockets. Many, if not practically all, of the never-to-be-tried cases thus are eliminated from consideration and more realistic totals emerge. Authentic figures based on this approach cannot be computed for Maryland, all of the Courts not having the necessary system of preparing and maintaining trial calendars.

In the City of Baltimore the total number of law cases pending as of August 31st was 10,356, while on the same date there were 3731 of these cases on the trial dockets. If these figures are any criterion, then only 36 per cent of the cases are active. Long experience prevents acceptance of the inference that all of the remaining 6625 cases

constitute "dead wood" which never will be tried. By the same token we would suggest that only a small portion of this mass of 6000 is made up of comparatively recently filed cases which actual-

PERCENTAGE OF CASES ON ASSIGNMENT DOCKET			
<u>COURT</u>	<u>Cases Pending</u>	<u>Cases on Assignment Docket*</u>	<u>Per Cent on Assignment Docket</u>
Baltimore City	10,356	3731	36.0
Baltimore County	2134	1009	47.2
Prince George's County	2414	537	22.0
* Ready for trial			



ly are not ready for trial; that another, though smaller, group consists of those cases at issue but which, without official prodding, counsel have not had transferred to the trial dockets. If a reasonable and calculated estimate places the cases in these two categories at, in round figures, 2000, the arithmetic conclusion is that there are some 4625 cases on the dockets of the three City law courts with little possibility of ever being tried. Granting merit to this thinking, it follows that only about half of the 20,102 law cases reported pending in the State courts as of August 31, 1959, can be considered as active law cases requiring the attention of the courts.

Reports emanating from two of the larger county courts substantiate this analysis. In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, according to information supplied by its Assignment Commissioner, there were ready for trial in September 1959, but 22 per cent of the 2414 cases pending in that court. The percentage was higher in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, 1009 of 2134 law cases, or 47.2 per cent, being reported ready for trial.

Unlike the civil courts, a backlog in criminal cases is practically non-existent. Statewide figures show 90 per cent disposition. In the nature of things, with continuous filing of informations and return of indictments by grand juries, there must of necessity always be a limited number awaiting trial. The brief time spans between the filing of criminal charges and their disposition, alluded to subsequently herein, point up the alacrity with which the courts try such cases.

TABLE A-1

**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959**

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL—FIRST CIRCUIT</b>	1200	1027	173	2165	1787	378	1949	1546	403	1416	1268	148
<b>LAW</b>	413	378	35	793	763	30	710	683	27	496	458	38
<b>EQUITY</b>	572	572	0	667	667	0	540	540	0	699	699	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	215	77	138	705	357	348	699	323	376	221	111	110
<b>DORCHESTER COUNTY</b>	185	172	13	321	273	48	286	231	55	220	214	6
<b>LAW</b>	47	44	3	127	126	1	118	115	3	56	55	1
<b>EQUITY</b>	124	124	0	121	121	0	91	91	0	154	154	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	14	4	10	73	26	47	77	25	52	10	5	5
<b>SOMERSET COUNTY</b>	168	150	18	356	301	55	295	242	53	229	209	20
<b>LAW</b>	62	51	11	153	147	6	103	97	6	112	101	11
<b>EQUITY</b>	87	87	0	78	78	0	79	79	0	86	86	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	19	12	7	125	76	49	113	66	47	31	22	9
<b>WICOMICO COUNTY</b>	483	402	81	959	757	202	875	667	208	567	492	75
<b>LAW</b>	152	133	19	255	237	18	241	225	16	166	145	21
<b>EQUITY</b>	246	246	0	323	323	0	274	274	0	295	295	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	85	23	62	381	197	184	360	168	192	106	52	54
<b>WORCESTER COUNTY</b>	364	303	61	529	456	73	493	406	87	400	353	47
<b>LAW</b>	152	150	2	258	253	5	248	246	2	162	157	5
<b>EQUITY</b>	115	115	0	145	145	0	96	96	0	164	164	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	97	38	59	126	58	68	149	64	85	74	32	42

TABLE A-2

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-SECOND CIRCUIT	1075	967	108	1869	1700	169	1729	1513	216	1215	1154	61
LAW	400	369	31	785	766	19	781	751	30	404	384	20
EQUITY	449	449	0	569	569	0	406	406	0	612	612	0
CRIMINAL	226	149	77	515	365	150	542	356	186	199	158	41
CAROLINE COUNTY	98	94	4	290	233	57	288	230	58	100	97	3
LAW	29	26	3	112	110	2	114	110	4	27	26	1
EQUITY	67	67	0	83	83	0	82	82	0	68	68	0
CRIMINAL	2	1	1	95	40	55	92	38	54	5	3	2
CECIL COUNTY	425	394	31	709	675	34	665	626	39	469	443	26
LAW	154	137	17	366	359	7	363	349	14	157	147	10
EQUITY	162	162	0	237	237	0	131	131	0	268	268	0
CRIMINAL	109	95	14	106	79	27	171	146	25	44	28	16
KENT COUNTY	199	166	33	244	221	23	251	201	50	192	186	6
LAW	80	74	6	87	86	1	91	87	4	76	73	3
EQUITY	76	76	0	74	74	0	49	49	0	101	101	0
CRIMINAL	43	16	27	83	61	22	111	65	46	15	12	3
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	130	119	11	256	236	20	234	212	22	152	143	9
LAW	59	58	1	127	122	5	119	116	3	67	64	3
EQUITY	57	57	0	71	71	0	67	67	0	61	61	0
CRIMINAL	14	4	10	58	43	15	48	29	19	24	18	6
TALBOT COUNTY	223	194	29	370	335	35	291	244	47	302	285	17
LAW	78	74	4	93	89	4	94	89	5	77	74	3
EQUITY	87	87	0	104	104	0	77	77	0	114	114	0
CRIMINAL	58	33	25	173	142	31	120	78	42	111	97	14

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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-THIRD CIRCUIT</b>	4107	3720	387	5854	5333	521	4159	3782	377	5802	5271	531
<b>LAW</b>	1871	1647	224	2403	2149	254	1788	1639	149	2486	2157	329
<b>EQUITY</b>	1867	1867	0	2341	2341	0	1365	1365	0	2843	2843	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	369	206	163	1110	843	267	1006	778	228	473	271	202
<b>BALTIMORE COUNTY</b>	3488	3129	359	4852	4412	440	3354	3049	305	4986	4492	494
<b>LAW</b>	1572	1366	206	1941	1708	233	1379	1247	132	2134	1827	307
<b>EQUITY</b>	1593	1593	0	1986	1986	0	1134	1134	0	2445	2445	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	323	170	153	925	718	207	841	668	173	407	220	187
<b>HARFORD COUNTY</b>	619	591	28	1002	921	81	805	733	72	816	779	37
<b>LAW</b>	299	281	18	462	441	21	409	392	17	352	330	22
<b>EQUITY</b>	274	274	0	355	355	0	231	231	0	398	398	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	46	36	10	185	125	60	165	110	55	66	51	15

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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>	1030	898	132	2685	2174	511	2442	1968	474	1273	1104	169
<b>LAW</b>	374	328	46	1156	1030	126	1090	992	98	440	366	74
<b>EQUITY</b>	552	552	0	866	866	0	697	697	0	721	721	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	104	18	86	663	278	385	655	279	376	112	17	95
<b>ALLEGANY COUNTY</b>	424	382	42	1055	873	182	949	799	150	530	456	74
<b>LAW</b>	129	116	13	479	421	58	460	424	36	148	113	35
<b>EQUITY</b>	266	266	0	405	405	0	329	329	0	342	342	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	29	0	29	171	47	124	160	46	114	40	1	39
<b>GARRETT COUNTY</b>	181	162	19	280	254	26	271	247	24	190	169	21
<b>LAW</b>	114	110	4	118	115	3	118	117	1	114	108	6
<b>EQUITY</b>	44	44	0	86	86	0	71	71	0	59	59	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	23	8	15	76	53	23	82	59	23	17	2	15
<b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b>	425	354	71	1350	1047	303	1222	922	300	553	479	74
<b>LAW</b>	131	102	29	559	494	65	512	451	61	178	145	33
<b>EQUITY</b>	242	242	0	375	375	0	297	297	0	320	320	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	52	10	42	416	178	238	413	174	239	55	14	41

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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>	2202	2097	105	4320	4074	246	3824	3614	210	2698	2557	141
<b>LAW</b>	1002	966	36	2162	2113	49	1896	1860	36	1268	1219	49
<b>EQUITY</b>	985	985	0	1375	1375	0	1207	1207	0	1153	1153	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	215	146	69	783	586	197	721	547	174	277	185	92
<b>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY</b>	1644	1573	71	2880	2748	132	2503	2394	109	2021	1927	94
<b>LAW</b>	713	687	26	1351	1322	29	1123	1105	18	941	904	37
<b>EQUITY</b>	804	804	0	1025	1025	0	938	938	0	891	891	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	127	82	45	504	401	103	442	351	91	189	132	57
<b>CARROLL COUNTY</b>	331	314	17	707	665	42	646	597	49	392	382	10
<b>LAW</b>	190	182	8	475	457	18	441	425	16	224	214	10
<b>EQUITY</b>	120	120	0	171	171	0	133	133	0	158	158	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	21	12	9	61	37	24	72	39	33	10	10	0
<b>HOWARD COUNTY</b>	227	210	17	733	661	72	675	623	52	285	248	37
<b>LAW</b>	99	97	2	336	334	2	332	330	2	103	101	2
<b>EQUITY</b>	61	61	0	179	179	0	136	136	0	104	104	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	67	52	15	218	148	70	207	157	50	78	43	35

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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>	2632	2455	177	3805	3444	361	2966	2656	310	3471	3243	228
<b>LAW</b>	1366	1308	58	1641	1588	53	1378	1331	47	1629	1565	64
<b>EQUITY</b>	1096	1096	0	1630	1630	0	1108	1108	0	1618	1618	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	170	51	119	534	226	308	480	217	263	224	60	164
<b>FREDERICK COUNTY</b>	474	438	36	755	642	113	629	546	83	600	534	66
<b>LAW</b>	208	202	6	301	290	11	255	252	3	254	240	14
<b>EQUITY</b>	228	228	0	291	291	0	231	231	0	288	288	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	38	8	30	163	61	102	143	63	80	58	6	52
<b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>	2158	2017	141	3050	2802	248	2337	2110	227	2871	2709	162
<b>LAW</b>	1158	1106	52	1340	1298	42	1123	1079	44	1375	1325	50
<b>EQUITY</b>	868	868	0	1339	1339	0	877	877	0	1330	1330	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	132	43	89	371	165	206	337	154	183	166	54	112

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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>	4748	4183	565	5317	4406	911	4380	3516	864	5685	5073	612
<b>LAW</b>	2467	2291	176	2018	1889	129	1462	1354	108	3023	2826	197
<b>EQUITY</b>	1776	1776	0	1986	1986	0	1646	1646	0	2116	2116	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	505	116	389	1313	531	782	1272	516	756	546	131	415
<b>CALVERT COUNTY</b>	157	143	14	329	247	82	261	179	82	225	211	14
<b>LAW</b>	63	63	0	162	162	0	90	90	0	135	135	0
<b>EQUITY</b>	75	75	0	47	47	0	51	51	0	71	71	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	19	5	14	120	38	82	120	38	82	19	5	14
<b>CHARLES COUNTY</b>	260	247	13	414	383	31	381	349	32	293	281	12
<b>LAW</b>	85	80	5	158	152	6	145	139	6	98	93	5
<b>EQUITY</b>	148	148	0	111	111	0	115	115	0	144	144	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	27	19	8	145	120	25	121	95	26	51	44	7
<b>PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY</b>	3730	3288	442	4072	3344	728	3449	2729	720	4353	3903	450
<b>LAW</b>	2054	1897	157	1488	1371	117	1128	1029	99	2414	2239	175
<b>EQUITY</b>	1324	1324	0	1661	1661	0	1378	1378	0	1607	1607	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	352	67	285	923	312	611	943	322	621	332	57	275
<b>ST. MARY'S COUNTY</b>	601	505	96	502	432	70	289	259	30	814	678	136
<b>LAW</b>	265	251	14	210	204	6	99	96	3	376	359	17
<b>EQUITY</b>	229	229	0	167	167	0	102	102	0	294	294	0
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	107	25	82	125	61	64	88	61	27	144	25	119



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**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-EIGHTH CIRCUIT BALTIMORE CITY</b>	19,578	18,671	907	24,466	22,380	2086	20,076	18,191	1885	23,968	22,860	1108
<b>TOTAL-LAW COURTS</b>	8534	7790	744	9192	8061	1131	7370	6483	887	10,356	9368	988
SUPERIOR COURT	5062	4778	284	5665	5390	275	4544	4352	192	6183	5816	367
COMMON PLEAS	441	382	59	424	393	31	310	273	37	555	502	53
BALTIMORE CITY	3031	2630	401	3103	2278	825	2516	1858	658	3618	3050	568
<b>TOTAL-EQUITY COURTS</b>	9576	9576	0	7961	7961	0	5439	5439	0	12,098	12,098	0
CIRCUIT COURT	3721	3721	0	3448	3448	0	2555	2555	0	4614	4614	0
CIRCUIT COURT No. 2	5855	5855	0	4513	4513	0	2884	2884	0	7484	7484	0
<b>TOTAL-CRIMINAL COURTS</b>	1468	1305	163	7313	6358	955	7267	6269	998	1514	1394	120

**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES  
FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958			FILED			TERMINATED			PENDING END OF AUGUST		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
<b>TOTAL-STATE OF MARYLAND</b>	36,572	34,018	2554	50,481	45,298	5183	41,525	36,786	4739	45,528	42,530	2998
LAW	16,427	15,077	1350	20,150	18,359	1791	16,475	15,093	1382	20,102	18,343	1759
EQUITY	16,873	16,873	0	17,395	17,395	0	12,408	12,408	0	21,860	21,860	0
CRIMINAL	3272	2068	1204	12,936	9544	3392	12,642	9285	3357	3566	2327	1239

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**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	STATE		FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT							
	ALL JUDICIAL CIRCUITS		DORCHESTER		SOMERSET		WICOMICO		WORCESTER	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>LAW (TOTAL)</b>	18,359	100.0	126	100.0	147	100.0	237	100.0	253	100.0
<b>MOTOR TORT</b>	5368	29.2	17	13.5	20	13.7	62	26.2	32	12.6
<b>OTHER TORT</b>	1539	8.4	5	4.0	0	0.0	4	1.7	0	0.0
<b>CONFESSED JUDGMENTS</b>	3177	17.3	42	33.2	46	31.3	64	27.0	129	51.1
<b>OTHER CONTRACT</b>	4807	26.2	24	19.0	46	31.3	43	18.1	59	23.3
<b>CONDEMNATION</b>	680	3.7	4	3.2	28	19.0	17	7.2	11	4.3
<b>HABEAS CORPUS</b>	278	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	2.1	0	0.0
<b>POST CONVICTION</b>	259 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.4	2	1.6	3	2.0	4	1.7	3	1.2
<b>OTHER</b>	2437	13.3	32	25.5	4	2.7	38	16.0	19	7.5
<b>APPEALS —</b>	1791	100.0	1	100.0	6	100.0	18	100.0	5	100.0
<b>PEOPLE'S / MAGISTRATES</b>	926	51.7	0	0.0	5	83.3	15	83.3	4	80.0
<b>OTHER</b>	865	48.3	1	100.0	1	16.7	3	16.7	1	20.0
<b>EQUITY (TOTAL)</b>	17,395	100.0	121	100.0	78	100.0	323	100.0	145	100.0
<b>ADOPTION</b>	2203	12.8	12	9.9	5	6.4	38	11.8	15	10.3
<b>DIVORCE</b>	8563	49.2	76	62.8	47	60.3	159	49.2	67	46.2
<b>FORECLOSURE</b>	2312	13.2	10	8.3	10	12.8	48	14.9	20	13.9
<b>OTHER</b>	4317	24.8	23	19.0	16	20.5	78	24.1	43	29.6
<b>CRIMINAL (TOTAL)</b>	9,544	100.0	26	100.0	76	100.0	197	100.0	58	100.0
<b>BASTARDY</b>	914	9.6	2	7.7	11	14.6	25	12.7	16	27.6
<b>DESERTION</b>	795	8.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5	0	0.0
<b>OTHER</b>	7835	82.1	24	92.3	65	85.4	171	86.8	42	72.4
<b>APPEALS —</b>	3392	100.0	47	100.0	49	100.0	184	100.0	68	100.0
<b>TRAFFIC</b>	1610	47.5	17	36.2	11	22.5	91	49.5	32	47.1
<b>OTHER</b>	1782	52.5	30	63.8	38	77.5	93	50.5	36	52.9

AO-A1 (a) Post Conviction Cases totaling 186 in Prince George's County and in Baltimore City not reflected in the total nor in the percentages.

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED  
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SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT										
	CAROLINE		CECIL		KENT		QUEEN ANNE'S		TALBOT	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	110	100.0	359	100.0	86	100.0	122	100.0	89	100.0
MOTOR TORT	16	14.5	44	12.2	5	5.8	7	5.7	9	10.1
OTHER TORT	3	2.7	9	2.5	8	9.4	2	1.6	7	7.9
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	42	38.3	123	34.3	41	47.6	48	39.3	27	30.3
OTHER CONTRACT	45	40.9	90	25.1	22	25.6	31	25.4	3	3.4
CONDEMNATION	1	0.9	17	4.7	7	8.1	8	6.6	1	1.1
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0.0	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	1.6	0	0.0
POST CONVICTION	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	3	2.7	74	20.6	3	3.5	24	19.8	42	47.2
APPEALS —	2	100.0	7	100.0	1	100.0	5	100.0	4	100.0
PEOPLE'S / MAGISTRATES	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	2	50.0
OTHER	1	50.0	7	100.0	0	0.0	5	100.0	2	50.0
EQUITY (TOTAL)	83	100.0	237	100.0	74	100.0	71	100.0	104	100.0
ADOPTION	12	14.4	39	16.5	11	14.9	1	1.4	7	6.7
DIVORCE	44	53.0	111	46.8	38	51.3	39	54.9	64	61.5
FORECLOSURE	13	15.7	25	10.5	12	16.2	7	9.9	8	7.8
OTHER	14	16.9	62	26.2	13	17.6	24	33.8	25	24.0
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	40	100.0	79	100.0	61	100.0	43	100.0	142	100.0
BASTARDY	0	0.0	4	5.1	4	6.6	1	2.3	9	6.3
DESERTION	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	40	100.0	75	94.9	57	93.4	42	97.7	133	93.7
APPEALS —	55	100.0	27	100.0	22	100.0	15	100.0	31	100.0
TRAFFIC	7	12.7	13	48.1	16	72.7	9	60.0	24	77.4
OTHER	48	87.3	14	51.9	6	27.3	6	40.0	7	22.6

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DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

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	THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT				FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	BALTIMORE		HARFORD		ALLEGANY		GARRETT		WASHINGTON	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>LAW (TOTAL)</b>	1708	100.0	441	100.0	421	100.0	115	100.0	494	100.0
MOTOR TORT	542	31.7	88	19.9	76	18.0	21	18.2	115	23.3
OTHER TORT	136	8.0	15	3.4	18	4.3	0	0.0	40	8.1
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	183	10.7	174	39.4	187	44.4	16	13.9	72	14.6
OTHER CONTRACT	624	36.5	93	21.1	107	25.4	2	1.7	197	39.9
CONDEMNATION	79	4.6	35	7.9	7	1.7	20	17.5	32	6.5
HABEAS CORPUS	32	1.9	0	0.0	4	1.0	1	0.9	14	2.8
POST CONVICTION	13	0.8	3	0.8	5	1.2	1	0.9	8	1.6
OTHER	99	5.8	33	7.5	17	4.0	54	46.9	16	3.2
<b>APPEALS —</b>	233	100.0	21	100.0	58	100.0	3	100.0	65	100.0
PEOPLE'S / MAGISTRATES	128	54.9	11	52.4	31	53.4	1	33.3	24	36.9
OTHER	105	45.1	10	47.6	27	46.6	2	66.7	41	63.1
<b>EQUITY (TOTAL)</b>	1986	100.0	355	100.0	405	100.0	86	100.0	375	100.0
ADOPTION	228	11.5	54	15.2	51	12.6	9	10.5	65	17.3
DIVORCE	867	43.6	156	43.9	251	62.0	34	39.5	215	57.3
FORECLOSURE	309	15.6	34	9.6	26	6.4	8	9.3	31	8.3
OTHER	582	29.3	111	31.3	77	19.0	35	40.7	64	17.1
<b>CRIMINAL (TOTAL)</b>	718	100.0	125	100.0	47	100.0	53	100.0	178	100.0
BASTARDY	31	4.3	18	14.4	4	8.5	6	11.3	20	11.2
DESERTION	102	14.3	0	0.0	1	2.1	3	5.7	1	0.5
OTHER	585	81.4	107	85.6	42	89.4	44	83.0	157	88.3
<b>APPEALS —</b>	207	100.0	60	100.0	124	100.0	23	100.0	238	100.0
TRAFFIC	101	48.8	38	63.3	76	61.3	14	60.9	99	41.6
OTHER	106	51.2	22	36.7	48	38.7	9	39.1	139	58.4

TABLE B-4

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT						SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT			
	ANNE ARUNDEL		CARROLL		HOWARD		FREDERICK		MONTGOMERY	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>LAW (TOTAL)</b>	1322	100.0	457	100.0	334	100.0	290	100.0	1298	100.0
MOTOR TORT	191	14.4	53	11.6	37	11.1	75	25.9	254	19.6
OTHER TORT	42	3.2	11	2.4	77	23.0	5	1.7	107	8.2
CONFESED JUDGMENTS	229	17.3	168	36.8	116	34.7	84	29.0	151	11.6
OTHER CONTRACT	675	51.1	155	33.9	0	0.0	103	35.5	468	36.1
CONDEMNATION	94	7.1	19	4.2	14	4.2	4	1.4	44	3.4
HABEAS CORPUS	25	1.9	2	0.4	9	2.7	1	0.3	46	3.5
POST CONVICTION	12	0.9	0	0.0	9	2.7	2	0.7	4	0.3
OTHER	54	4.1	49	10.7	72	21.6	16	5.5	224	17.3
<b>APPEALS —</b>	29	100.0	18	100.0	2	100.0	11	100.0	42	100.0
PEOPLE'S / MAGISTRATES	15	51.7	4	22.2	2	100.0	4	36.4	19	45.2
OTHER	14	48.3	14	77.8	0	0.0	7	63.6	23	54.7
<b>EQUITY (TOTAL)</b>	1025	100.0	171	100.0	179	100.0	291	100.0	1339	100.0
ADOPTION	120	11.7	24	14.0	17	9.5	41	14.1	241	18.0
DIVORCE	472	46.1	68	39.8	80	44.7	166	57.0	625	46.7
FORECLOSURE	239	23.3	19	11.1	28	15.6	23	7.9	78	5.8
OTHER	194	18.9	60	35.1	54	30.2	61	21.0	395	29.5
<b>CRIMINAL (TOTAL)</b>	401	100.0	37	100.0	148	100.0	61	100.0	165	100.0
BASTARDY	31	7.7	9	24.3	2	1.4	3	4.9	12	7.3
DESERTION	2	0.6	0	0.0	44	29.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER	368	91.7	28	75.7	102	68.9	58	95.1	153	92.7
<b>APPEALS —</b>	103	100.0	24	100.0	70	100.0	102	100.0	206	100.0
TRAFFIC	50	48.5	19	79.2	42	60.0	47	46.1	88	42.7
OTHER	53	51.5	5	20.8	28	40.0	55	53.9	118	57.3

TABLE B-5

**DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT						EIGHTH *			
	CALVERT		CHARLES		PRINCE GEORGE'S		ST. MARY'S		BALTIMORE CITY	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>LAW (TOTAL)</b>	162	100.0	152	100.0	1371	100.0	204	100.0	8061	100.0
MOTOR TORT	15	9.2	21	13.8	253	18.5	31	15.2	3384	42.0
OTHER TORT	2	1.2	6	3.9	119	8.7	13	6.4	910	11.3
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	28	17.3	48	31.7	194	14.1	58	28.4	907	11.2
OTHER CONTRACT	21	13.0	32	21.0	6	0.4	13	6.4	1948	24.2
CONDEMNATION	73	45.1	18	11.8	55	4.0	35	17.1	57	0.7
HABEAS CORPUS	2	1.2	12	7.9	23	1.7	0	0.0	98	1.2
POST CONVICTION	0	0.0	3	2.0	13	-	1	0.5	173	-
OTHER	21	13.0	12	7.9	721	52.6	53	26.0	757	9.4
<b>APPEALS —</b>	0	100.0	6	100.0	117	100.0	6	100.0	1131	100.0
PEOPLE'S / MAGISTRATES	0	0.0	1	16.7	100	85.5	1	16.7	557	49.2
OTHER	0	0.0	5	83.3	17	14.5	5	83.3	574	50.8
<b>EQUITY (TOTAL)</b>	47	100.0	111	100.0	1661	100.0	167	100.0	7961	100.0
ADOPTION	4	8.5	17	15.3	216	13.0	28	16.8	948	11.9
DIVORCE	14	29.8	46	41.5	983	59.2	65	38.9	3876	48.7
FORECLOSURE	15	31.9	15	13.5	178	10.7	24	14.4	1132	14.2
OTHER	14	29.8	33	29.7	284	17.1	50	29.9	2005	25.2
<b>CRIMINAL (TOTAL)</b>	38	100.0	120	100.0	312	100.0	61	100.0	6358	100.0
BASTARDY	3	7.9	19	15.8	64	20.5	0	0.0	620	9.8
DESERTION	6	15.8	5	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	630	9.9
OTHER	29	76.3	96	80.0	248	79.5	61	100.0	5108	80.3
<b>APPEALS —</b>	82	100.0	25	100.0	611	100.0	64	100.0	955	100.0
TRAFFIC	39	47.6	17	68.0	263	43.1	43	67.2	454	47.5
OTHER	43	52.4	8	32.0	348	56.9	21	32.8	501	52.5

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\* EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

NOTE: Post Conviction Cases in Prince George's County and in Baltimore City not reflected in total.

TABLE C-1

LAW  
COMPOSITE TABLE OF LAW CASES \* FILED AND TERMINATED IN THE  
COURTS OF MARYLAND

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	MOTOR TORT		OTHER TORT		CONFESSION JUDGMENT		OTHER CONTRACT		CONDEMNATION		HABEAS CORPUS		POST CONVICTION		OTHER (APPEALS INC.)		TOTALS	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>																		
DORCHESTER COUNTY	17	13	5	3	42	42	24	20	4	3	0	0	2	2	33	35	127	118
SOMERSET COUNTY	20	15	0	1	46	46	46	28	28	2	0	0	3	0	10	11	153	103
WICOMICO COUNTY	62	39	4	7	64	64	43	39	17	35	5	6	4	3	56	48	255	241
WORCESTER COUNTY	32	34	0	0	129	129	59	62	11	3	0	1	3	0	24	19	258	248
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>																		
CAROLINE COUNTY	16	14	3	4	42	42	45	46	1	2	0	0	0	0	5	6	112	114
CECIL COUNTY	44	27	9	14	123	123	90	110	17	4	2	2	0	0	81	83	366	363
KENT COUNTY	5	5	8	0	41	47	22	27	7	3	0	0	0	0	4	9	87	91
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	7	11	2	3	48	48	31	26	8	4	2	2	0	0	29	25	127	119
TALBOT COUNTY	9	9	7	6	27	27	3	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	46	46	93	94
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>																		
BALTIMORE COUNTY	542	420	136	69	183	183	624	466	79	27	32	26	13	4	332	184	1941	1379
HARFORD COUNTY	88	70	15	8	174	174	93	105	35	7	0	0	3	0	54	45	462	409
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
ALLEGANY COUNTY	76	84	18	13	187	187	107	104	7	18	4	4	5	3	75	47	479	460
GARRETT COUNTY	21	20	0	0	16	16	2	4	20	3	1	1	1	5	57	69	118	118
WASHINGTON COUNTY	115	88	40	29	72	72	197	175	32	50	14	14	8	6	81	78	559	512
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	191	153	42	33	229	229	675	557	94	57	25	19	12	10	83	65	1351	1123
CARROLL COUNTY	53	44	11	6	168	168	155	141	19	33	2	2	0	0	67	47	475	441
HOWARD COUNTY	37	26	77	78	116	116	0	0	14	13	9	9	9	5	74	85	336	332
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
FREDERICK COUNTY	75	47	5	5	84	84	103	80	4	8	1	1	2	2	27	28	301	255
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	254	205	107	88	151	151	468	375	44	29	46	25	4	3	266	247	1340	1123
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
CALVERT COUNTY	15	12	2	3	28	28	21	6	73	16	2	2	0	0	21	23	162	90
CHARLES COUNTY	21	22	6	4	48	48	32	30	18	11	12	12	3	1	18	17	158	145
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	253	195	119	86	194	194	6	5	55	27	23	24	13	7	838	590	1488	1128
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	31	15	13	8	58	58	13	3	35	2	0	0	1	0	59	13	210	99
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
BALTIMORE CITY	3384	2932	910	651	907	907	1948	1555	57	21	98	98	173	104	1888	1206	9192	7370

F - FILED

T - TERMINATED

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\* APPEALS INCLUDED

NOTE: Post Conviction cases for Prince George's County and Baltimore City not reflected in totals.

TABLE C-2

EQUITY—CRIMINAL  
COMPOSITE TABLE OF EQUITY AND CRIMINAL \* CASES FILED AND TERMINATED IN THE  
COURTS OF MARYLAND

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	EQUITY										CRIMINAL							
	ADOPTION		DIVORCE, ETC.		FORECLOSURE		OTHER		TOTALS		BASTARDY		DESERTION, ETC.		OTHER (APPEALS, INC.)		TOTALS	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>																		
DORCHESTER COUNTY	12	12	76	58	10	4	23	17	121	91	2	1	0	0	71	76	73	77
SOMERSET COUNTY	5	5	47	44	10	13	16	17	78	79	11	10	0	0	114	103	125	113
WICOMICO COUNTY	38	36	159	112	48	50	78	76	323	274	25	20	1	2	355	338	381	360
WORCESTER COUNTY	15	13	67	50	20	14	43	19	145	96	16	16	0	0	110	133	126	149
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>																		
CAROLINE COUNTY	12	17	44	39	13	14	14	12	83	82	0	0	0	0	95	92	95	92
CECIL COUNTY	39	31	111	72	25	14	62	14	237	131	4	1	0	0	102	170	106	171
KENT COUNTY	11	8	38	18	12	8	13	15	74	49	4	2	0	0	79	109	83	111
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	1	4	39	30	7	9	24	24	71	67	1	1	0	0	57	47	58	48
TALBOT COUNTY	7	6	64	53	8	3	25	15	104	77	9	8	0	0	164	112	173	120
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>																		
BALTIMORE COUNTY	228	183	867	577	309	127	582	247	1986	1134	31	14	102	74	792	753	925	841
HARFORD COUNTY	54	44	156	104	34	19	111	64	355	231	18	21	0	0	167	144	185	165
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
ALLEGANY COUNTY	51	42	251	195	26	33	77	59	405	329	4	4	1	0	166	156	171	160
GARRETT COUNTY	9	11	34	37	8	9	35	14	86	71	6	9	3	3	67	70	76	82
WASHINGTON COUNTY	65	59	215	139	31	31	64	68	375	297	20	17	1	1	395	395	416	413
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	120	115	472	478	239	233	194	112	1025	938	31	30	2	3	471	409	504	442
CARROLL COUNTY	24	24	68	48	19	19	60	42	171	133	9	9	0	0	52	63	61	72
HOWARD COUNTY	17	16	80	53	28	25	54	42	179	136	2	6	44	52	172	149	218	207
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
FREDERICK COUNTY	41	35	166	141	23	12	61	43	291	231	3	2	0	0	160	141	163	143
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	241	177	625	379	78	79	395	242	1339	877	12	6	0	0	359	331	371	337
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
CALVERT COUNTY	4	5	14	19	15	14	14	13	47	51	3	4	6	6	111	110	120	120
CHARLES COUNTY	17	17	46	39	15	9	33	50	111	115	19	9	5	5	121	107	145	121
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	216	200	983	832	178	149	284	197	1661	1378	64	61	0	4	859	878	923	943
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	28	32	65	37	24	19	50	14	167	102	0	0	0	0	125	88	125	88
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
BALTIMORE CITY	948	549	3876	2712	1132	824	2005	1354	7961	5439	620	613	630	631	6063	6023	7313	7267

F - FILED

T - TERMINATED

\* APPEALS INCLUDED



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## DISTRIBUTION OF CASES FILED IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Dorchester	Somerset	Wicomico	Worcester	Caroline	Cecil	Kent	Queen Anne's	Talbot	Baltimore	Harford	Allegany	Garrett	Washington	Anne Arundel	Carroll	Howard	Frederick	Montgomery	Calvert	Charles	Prince George's	St. Mary's	Baltimore City	TOTALS
LAW - TOTALS	127	153	255	258	112	366	87	127	93	1941	462	479	118	559	1351	475	336	301	1340	162	158	1488	210	9192	20150
Motor Tort	17	20	62	32	16	44	5	7	9	542	88	76	21	115	191	53	37	75	254	15	21	253	31	3384	5368
Other Tort	5	0	4	0	3	9	8	2	7	136	15	18	0	40	42	11	77	5	107	2	6	119	13	910	1539
Confessed Judgments	42	46	64	129	42	123	41	48	27	183	174	187	16	72	229	168	116	84	151	28	48	194	58	907	3177
Other Contract	24	46	43	59	45	90	22	31	3	624	93	107	2	197	675	155	0	103	468	21	32	6	13	1948	4807
Condemnation	4	28	17	11	1	17	7	8	1	79	35	7	20	32	94	19	14	4	44	73	18	55	35	57	680
Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	32	0	4	1	14	25	2	9	1	46	2	12	23	0	98	278
Post Conviction	2	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	5	1	8	12	0	9	2	4	0	3	13	1	173	259 <sup>a</sup>
Other Law	32	4	38	19	3	74	3	24	42	99	33	17	54	16	54	49	72	16	224	21	12	721	53	757	2437
Appeals: People's/Magis. Courts	0	5	15	4	1	0	1	0	2	128	11	31	1	24	15	4	2	4	19	0	1	100	1	557	926
Other	1	1	3	1	1	7	0	5	2	105	10	27	2	41	14	14	0	7	23	0	5	17	5	574	865
EQUITY - TOTALS	121	78	323	145	83	237	74	71	104	1986	355	405	86	375	1025	171	179	291	1339	47	111	1661	167	7961	17395
Adoption	12	5	38	15	12	39	11	1	7	228	54	51	9	65	120	24	17	41	241	4	17	216	28	948	2203
Divorce, etc.	76	47	159	67	44	111	38	39	64	867	156	251	34	215	472	68	80	166	625	14	46	983	65	3876	8563
Foreclosure	10	10	48	20	13	25	12	7	8	309	34	26	8	31	239	19	28	23	78	15	15	178	24	1132	2312
Other	23	16	78	43	14	62	13	24	25	582	111	77	35	64	194	60	54	61	395	14	33	284	50	2005	4317
CRIMINAL-TOTALS	73	125	381	126	95	106	83	58	173	925	185	171	76	416	504	61	218	163	371	120	145	923	125	7313	12936
Bastardy	2	11	25	16	0	4	4	1	9	31	18	4	6	20	31	9	2	3	12	3	19	64	0	620	914
Deaertion, etc.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	0	1	3	1	2	0	44	0	0	6	5	0	0	630	795
Other	24	65	171	42	40	75	57	42	133	585	107	42	44	157	368	28	102	58	153	29	96	248	61	5108	7835
Magistrate Appeals: Traffic Law	17	11	91	32	7	13	16	9	24	101	38	76	14	99	50	19	42	47	88	39	17	263	43	454	1610
Other	30	38	93	36	48	14	6	6	7	106	22	48	9	139	53	5	28	55	118	43	8	348	21	501	1782

a - Post Conviction cases totaling 186 in Prince George's County and Baltimore City not reflected in total at top of column.

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF CASES TERMINATED IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Dorchester	Somerset	Wicomico	Worcester	Caroline	Cecil	Kent	Queen Anne's	Talbot	Baltimore	Harford	Allegany	Garrett	Washington	Anne Arundel	Carroll	Howard	Frederick	Montgomery	Calvert	Charles	Prince George's	St. Mary's	Baltimore City	TOTALS
LAW - TOTALS	118	103	241	248	114	363	91	119	94	1379	409	460	118	512	1123	441	332	255	1123	90	145	1128	99	7370	16475
Motor Tort	13	15	39	34	14	27	5	11	9	420	70	84	20	88	153	44	26	47	205	12	22	195	15	2932	4500
Other Tort	3	1	7	0	4	14	0	3	6	69	8	13	0	29	33	6	78	5	88	3	4	86	8	651	1119
Confessed Judgments	42	46	64	129	42	123	47	48	27	183	174	187	16	72	229	168	116	84	151	28	48	194	58	907	3183
Other Contract	20	28	39	62	46	110	27	26	2	466	105	104	4	175	557	141	0	80	375	6	30	5	3	1555	3966
Condemnation	3	2	35	3	2	4	3	4	3	27	7	18	3	50	57	33	13	8	29	16	11	27	2	21	381
Habeas Corpus	0	0	6	1	0	2	0	2	1	26	0	4	1	14	19	2	9	1	25	2	12	24	0	98	249
Post Conviction	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	5	6	10	0	5	2	3	0	1	7	0	104	155
Other Law	32	5	32	17	2	69	5	22	41	52	28	11	68	17	47	31	83	25	203	23	11	498	10	319	1651
Appeals: People's/Magis. Courts	0	4	10	2	3	3	1	0	2	76	10	20	0	28	8	4	1	1	13	0	2	90	2	457	737
Other	3	2	6	0	1	11	3	3	3	56	7	16	1	33	10	12	1	2	31	0	4	9	1	430	645
EQUITY - TOTALS	91	79	274	96	82	131	49	67	77	1134	231	329	71	297	938	133	136	231	877	51	115	1378	102	5439	12408
Adoption	12	5	36	13	17	31	8	4	6	183	44	42	11	59	115	24	16	35	177	5	17	200	32	549	1641
Divorce, etc.	58	44	112	50	39	72	18	30	53	577	104	195	37	139	478	48	53	141	379	19	39	832	37	2712	6266
Foreclosure	4	13	50	14	14	14	8	9	3	127	19	33	9	31	233	19	25	12	79	14	9	149	19	824	1731
Other	17	17	76	19	12	14	15	24	15	247	64	59	14	68	112	42	42	43	242	13	50	197	14	1354	2770
CRIMINAL - TOTALS	77	113	360	149	92	171	111	48	120	841	165	160	82	413	442	72	207	143	337	120	121	943	88	7267	12642
Bastardy	1	10	20	16	0	1	2	1	8	14	21	4	9	17	30	9	6	2	6	4	9	61	0	613	864
Deaertion, etc.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	0	0	3	1	3	0	52	0	0	6	5	4	0	631	781
Other	24	56	146	48	38	145	63	28	70	580	89	42	47	156	318	30	99	61	148	28	81	257	61	5025	7640
Magistrate Appeals: Traffic Law	16	11	91	39	7	5	18	10	31	112	38	67	19	92	49	24	32	27	93	39	21	252	19	501	1613
Other	36	36	101	46	47	20	28	9	11	61	17	47	4	147	42	9	18	53	90	43	5	369	8	497	1744

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court.

NOTE: Post Conviction Cases totaling 111 terminated in Prince George's County and Baltimore City not reflected in totals at top of column.

TABLE E

FOUR YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CIVIL CASES  
AND APPEALS FILED AND CURRENTLY PENDING  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND  
WITH PER CENT OF TERMINATIONS

	Year Ending	Filed Since Sept. 1, 1955 (4 years)			Pending Aug. 31, 1959			Per Cent Terminated
		LAW	EQUITY	TOTAL	LAW	EQUITY	TOTAL	
FIRST CIRCUIT								
Dorchester	8/31/56	119	131	250				
	8/31/57	113	139	252				
	8/31/58	123	126	249				
	8/31/59	127	121	248				
	Total	482	517	999	56	154	210	78.9
Somerset	8/31/56	185	119	304				
	8/31/57	154	125	279				
	8/31/58	158	106	264				
	8/31/59	153	78	231				
	Total	650	428	1078	112	86	198	81.6
Wicomico	8/31/56	325	313	638				
	8/31/57	324	332	656				
	8/31/58	259	298	557				
	8/31/59	255	323	578				
	Total	1163	1266	2429	166	295	461	82.2
Worcester	8/31/56	265	107	372				
	8/31/57	298	130	428				
	8/31/58	287	96	383				
	8/31/59	258	145	403				
	Total	1108	478	1586	162	164	326	79.7
SECOND CIRCUIT								
Caroline	8/31/56	103	73	176				
	8/31/57	96	88	184				
	8/31/58	103	79	182				
	8/31/59	112	83	195				
	Total	414	323	737	27	68	95	87.1
Cecil	8/31/56	318	205	523				
	8/31/57	361	222	583				
	8/31/58	479	268	747				
	8/31/59	366	237	603				
	Total	1524	932	2456	157	268	425	82.7
Kent	8/31/56	171	101	272				
	8/31/57	171	85	256				
	8/31/58	96	81	177				
	8/31/59	87	74	161				
	Total	525	341	866	76	101	177	79.5
Queen Anne's	8/31/56	172	70	242				
	8/31/57	137	79	216				
	8/31/58	127	73	200				
	8/31/59	127	71	198				
	Total	563	293	856	67	61	128	85.0
Talbot	8/31/56	119	106	225				
	8/31/57	119	78	197				
	8/31/58	153	104	257				
	8/31/59	93	104	197				
	Total	484	392	876	77	114	191	74.8
THIRD CIRCUIT								
Baltimore	8/31/56	1525	1303	2828				
	8/31/57	1594	1505	3099				
	8/31/58	1724	1750	3474				
	8/31/59	1941	1986	3927				
	Total	6784	6544	13327	2134	2445	4579	65.6
Harford	8/31/56	391	325	716				
	8/31/57	417	315	732				
	8/31/58	467	345	812				
	8/31/59	462	355	817				
	Total	1737	1340	3077	352	398	750	75.6

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE E (continued)

FOUR YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CIVIL CASES  
AND APPEALS FILED AND CURRENTLY PENDING  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND  
WITH PER CENT OF TERMINATIONS

		Filed Since Sept. 1, 1955 (4 years)			Pending Aug. 31, 1959			Per Cent Terminated	
	Year Ending	LAW	EQUITY	TOTAL	LAW	EQUITY	TOTAL		
FOURTH CIRCUIT									
Allegany	8/31/56	432	416	848					
	8/31/57	620	420	1040					
	8/31/58	602	389	991					
	8/31/59	479	405	884					
	Total	2133	1630	3763	148	342	490	86.9	
Garrett	8/31/56	110	107	217					
	8/31/57	210	106	316					
	8/31/58	176	91	267					
	8/31/59	118	86	204					
	Total	614	390	1004	114	59	173	82.7	
Washington	8/31/56	451	374	825					
	8/31/57	591	377	968					
	8/31/58	593	349	942					
	8/31/59	559	375	934					
	Total	2194	1475	3669	178	320	498	85.8	
FIFTH CIRCUIT									
Anne Arundel	8/31/56	925	779	1704					
	8/31/57	1051	903	1954					
	8/31/58	1212	942	2154					
	8/31/59	1351	1025	2376					
	Total	4539	3649	8188	941	891	1832	77.6	
Carroll	8/31/56	360	126	486					
	8/31/57	585	131	716					
	8/31/58	515	142	657					
	8/31/59	475	171	646					
	Total	1935	570	2505	224	158	382	84.9	
Howard	8/31/56	198	102	300					
	8/31/57	271	132	403					
	8/31/58	336	153	489					
	8/31/59	336	179	515					
	Total	1141	566	1707	103	104	207	87.8	
SIXTH CIRCUIT									
Frederick	8/31/56	385	285	670					
	8/31/57	368	294	662					
	8/31/58	276	271	547					
	8/31/59	301	291	592					
	Total	1330	1141	2471	254	288	542	78.0	
Montgomery	8/31/56	1492	1055	2547					
	8/31/57	1597	1168	2765					
	8/31/58	1508	1096	2604					
	8/31/59	1340	1339	2679					
	Total	5937	4658	10595	1375	1330	2705	74.4	
SEVENTH CIRCUIT									
Calvert	8/31/56	202	62	264					
	8/31/57	148	46	194					
	8/31/58	112	74	186					
	8/31/59	162	47	209					
	Total	624	229	853	135	71	206	75.8	
Charles	8/31/56	146	101	247					
	8/31/57	164	101	265					
	8/31/58	145	113	258					
	8/31/59	158	111	269					
	Total	613	426	1039	98	144	242	76.7	
Prince George's	8/31/56	1115	1505	2620					
	8/31/57	1367	1548	2915					
	8/31/58	1772	1515	3287					
	8/31/59	1488	1661	3149					
	Total	5742	6229	11971	2414	1607	4021	66.4	
St. Mary's	8/31/56	195	144	339					
	8/31/57	172	163	335					
	8/31/58	195	148	343					
	8/31/59	210	167	377					
	Total	772	622	1394	376	294	670	52.6	
EIGHTH CIRCUIT									
Baltimore City	8/31/56	7320	7089	14409					
	8/31/57	8081	7804	15885					
	8/31/58	8930	7379	16309					
	8/31/59	9192	7961	17153					
	Total	33523	30233	63756	10356	12098	22454	64.7	
STATE OF MARYLAND		Total	76,531	64,672	141,203	20,102	21,860	41,962	70.2

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE F

FOUR YEAR COMPARATIVE TABLE OF CRIMINAL CASES  
AND APPEALS FILED AND CURRENTLY PENDING  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND  
WITH PER CENT OF TERMINATIONS

	FILED Sept. 1, 1955 - Aug. 31, 1959				PENDING August 31, 1959	Per Cent Terminated
	(1955)	Years Ending (1956)	(1957)	(1958)		
FIRST CIRCUIT						
Dorchester	142	124	105	113	10	97.8
Somerset	90	69	116	125	31	92.3
Wicomico	202	261	265	381	106	90.5
Worcester	172	135	182	126	74	88.0
SECOND CIRCUIT						
Caroline	27	43	26	95	5	97.4
Cecil	99	71	211	106	44	90.1
Kent	96	124	106	83	15	96.4
Queen Anne's	92	96	75	58	24	92.6
Talbot	126	73	95	173	111	76.3
THIRD CIRCUIT						
Baltimore	633	706	796	925	407	86.7
Harford	140	178	189	185	66	90.5
FOURTH CIRCUIT						
Allegany	160	191	162	171	40	94.2
Garrett	64	111	77	76	17	94.9
Washington	311	341	381	416	55	96.3
FIFTH CIRCUIT						
Anne Arundel	426	363	401	504	189	88.9
Carroll	67	63	76	61	10	96.3
Howard	185	155	167	218	78	89.3
SIXTH CIRCUIT						
Frederick	159	174	149	163	58	90.1
Montgomery	360	327	302	371	166	87.8
SEVENTH CIRCUIT						
Calvert	162	120	127	120	19	96.5
Charles	135	145	106	145	51	90.4
Prince George's	1025	1222	929	923	332	91.9
St. Mary's	94	136	131	125	144	71.0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT						
Baltimore City	5679	6701	7513	7313	1514	94.5
STATE	10648	11929	12687	12936	3566	92.7

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE G

COMPARATIVE STUDY OF INCREASE OF LAW AND EQUITY  
CASES PENDING IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

	End of First Statistical Year  8-31-56	End of Second Statistical Year  8-31-57	End of Third Statistical Year  8-31-58	End of Fourth Statistical Year  8-31-59
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>				
Dorchester	94	147	171	210
Somerset	141	166	149	198
Wicomico	241	353	398	461
Worcester	162	250	267	326
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>				
Caroline	52	89	96	95
Cecil	202	406	316	425
Kent	115	169	156	177
Queen Anne's	82	114	116	128
Talbot	73	111	165	191
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>				
Baltimore	2036	3566	3165	4579
Harford	304	492	573	750
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Allegany	219	318	395	490
Garrett	79	151	158	173
Washington	212	346	373	498
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Anne Arundel	776	1077	1517	1832
Carroll	161	285	310	382
Howard	80	126	160	207
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Frederick	232	363	436	542
Montgomery	1161	1826	2026	2705
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Calvert	106	100	138	206
Charles	106	173	233	242
Prince George's	1373	2358	3378	4021
St. Mary's	173	333	494	670
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>				
Baltimore City	8567	13,641	18,110	22,454

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE H-1

COMPARATIVE TABLE  
LAW CASES  
FILED AND TERMINATED<sup>(a)</sup>  
(1950-1959)

	1950-51		1951-52		1952-53		1953-54		1954-55		1955-56		1956-57		1957-58		1958-59	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>																		
Dorchester	174	149	185	103	216	169	198	60	None Reported		119	82	113	113	123	113	127	118
Somerset	173	136	193	159	215	180	158	106	"	"	185	106	154	146	158	183	153	103
Wicomico	252	260	275	250	323	294	325	284	"	"	325	226	324	308	259	222	255	241
Worcester	189	195	235	196	193	206	184	129	"	"	265	168	298	243	287	287	258	248
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>																		
Caroline	172	178	128	108	93	107	141	115	162	164	103	83	96	79	103	111	112	114
Cecil	273	245	297	216	332	152	409	168	188	149	318	226	361	266	479	512	366	363
Kent	146	73	164	64	129	61	133	54	150	155	171	108	171	132	96	118	87	91
Queen Anne's	106	77	105	89	115	60	163	71	122	97	172	123	137	125	127	129	127	119
Talbot	180	76	166	58	145	59	191	72	167	82	119	94	119	92	153	127	93	94
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>																		
Baltimore	1384	695	1481	761	1858	963	2001	909	2005	1026	1525	466	1594	798	1724	2007	1941	1379
Harford	155	73	138	52	186	71	211	83	257	102	391	241	417	312	467	423	462	409
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Allegany	591	531	453	316	565	473	517	398	537	308	432	356	620	588	602	581	479	460
Garrett	104	91	144	127	142	133	101	109	93	86	110	73	210	128	176	181	118	118
Washington	382	339	361	321	303	321	349	290	283	217	451	357	591	539	593	608	559	512
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Anne Arundel	598	308	691	290	936	511	958	387	1103	519	925	583	1051	920	1212	972	1351	1123
Carroll	283	277	312	297	373	347	410	376	411	360	360	251	585	505	515	514	475	441
Howard	197	181	175	164	193	202	225	208	252	144	198	172	271	244	336	290	336	332
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Frederick	351	344	306	312	365	290	400	351	382	395	385	280	368	292	276	249	301	255
Montgomery	1135	867	1182	1238	1195	1148	1217	1276	1287	1229	1492	815	1597	1191	1508	1433	1340	1123
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Calvert	73	54	65	42	82	46	121	73	None Reported		202	135	148	153	112	111	162	90
Charles	105	75	170	144	178	168	135	95	201	159	146	96	164	139	145	135	158	145
Prince George's	1363	617	771	344	1067	412	1181	718	1038	429	1115	433	1367	736	1772	1031	1488	1128
St. Mary's	121	58	74	73	182	112	189	65	200	84	195	106	172	81	195	110	210	99
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Baltimore City	7764	5829	7456	5356	9181	5371	8147	5141	8660	5232	7320	2861	8081	5640	8930	7296	9192	7370
<b>STATE</b>																		
	16271	11728	15527	10981	18567	11856	18064	11538	17498	10937	17024	8441	19009	13770	20348	17443	20150	16475

(a) Terminations for 1955-56 and thereafter include only those cases filed after August 31, 1955.

Source: Prior to 1955-56, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Court of Appeals of Maryland; 1955-56 and thereafter, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Administrative Office of the Courts.

TABLE H-2

COMPARATIVE TABLE  
EQUITY CASES  
FILED AND TERMINATED<sup>(a)</sup>  
(1950-1959)

	1950-51		1951-52		1952-53		1953-54		1954-55		1955-56		1956-57		1957-58		1958-59	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>																		
Dorchester	115	94	138	75	135	86	156	108	No Report		131	74	139	86	126	112	121	91
Somerset	96	70	85	54	108	60	136	59	"	"	119	57	125	108	106	98	78	79
Wicomico	211	145	197	180	258	193	240	136	"	"	313	171	332	236	298	290	323	274
Worcester	72	69	76	50	96	45	112	36	"	"	107	42	130	97	96	79	145	96
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>																		
Caroline	64	45	66	65	67	60	79	62	65	71	73	41	88	68	79	64	83	82
Cecil	199	172	202	156	212	160	203	166	224	158	205	95	222	113	268	325	237	131
Kent	50	37	42	32	78	34	56	54	71	39	101	49	85	70	81	72	74	49
Queen Anne's	51	34	69	48	59	47	70	51	61	44	70	37	79	59	73	69	71	67
Talbot	77	43	75	52	72	41	63	55	74	42	106	58	78	67	104	76	104	77
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>																		
Baltimore	957	738	895	688	1033	509	1286	470	1353	563	1303	326	1505	771	1750	1868	1986	1134
Harford	207	132	195	137	243	149	271	180	293	209	325	171	315	232	345	308	355	231
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Allegany	459	286	510	312	488	262	488	259	419	239	416	273	420	353	389	333	405	329
Garrett	76	67	68	57	76	67	80	71	84	71	107	65	106	116	91	79	86	71
Washington	396	310	340	270	401	299	435	309	391	231	374	256	377	295	349	307	375	297
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Anne Arundel	491	359	524	377	614	403	643	522	750	491	779	345	903	733	942	742	1025	938
Carroll	127	93	108	83	96	82	123	75	139	90	126	74	131	87	142	118	171	133
Howard	78	74	63	64	76	57	72	57	113	52	102	48	132	113	153	165	179	136
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Frederick	262	117	263	149	290	161	286	149	265	135	285	158	294	239	271	225	291	231
Montgomery	820	679	838	738	880	806	969	747	1019	905	1055	571	1168	909	1096	971	1339	877
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Calvert	39	25	46	31	42	22	48	21	No Report		62	23	46	47	74	37	47	51
Charles	80	33	73	47	76	66	76	55	101	44	101	45	101	59	113	63	111	115
Prince George's	1029	1013	1128	959	1230	989	1192	873	1251	756	1505	814	1548	1194	1515	1236	1661	1378
St. Mary's	105	69	105	69	94	65	106	59	157	84	144	60	163	94	148	72	167	102
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>																		
Baltimore City	5583	4712	6100	4304	6740	4927	6700	4843	7277	5401	7089	2981	7804	4600	7379	5115	7961	5439
<b>STATE</b>																		
	11644	9386	12206	8997	13464	9590	13890	9417	14107	9625	14998	6834	16291	10746	15988	12824	17395	12408

(a) Terminations for 1955-56 and thereafter include only those cases filed after August 31, 1955.

Source: Prior to 1955-56, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Court of Appeals of Maryland; 1955-56 and thereafter, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Administrative Office of the Courts.



TABLE H-3

COMPARATIVE TABLE  
CRIMINAL CASES  
FILED AND TERMINATED  
(1950 - 1959)

	1950-51		1951-52		1952-53		1953-54		1954-55		1955-56		1956-57		1957-58		1958-59	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
FIRST CIRCUIT																		
Dorchester	59	44	74	66	93	78	109	75	No Report		142	131	124	108	105	118	73	77
Somerset	113	70	135	94	91	52	123	62	"	"	90	54	69	80	116	122	125	113
Wicomico	155	184	187	155	215	156	221	168	"	"	202	121	261	267	265	255	381	360
Worcester	137	69	159	118	108	93	127	73	"	"	174	64	135	156	182	174	126	149
SECOND CIRCUIT																		
Caroline	39	39	62	60	29	30	29	29	70	68	27	25	43	40	26	29	95	92
Cecil	58	66	69	51	44	36	79	56	95	109	99	68	71	51	211	153	106	171
Kent	53	29	47	29	44	25	42	38	59	55	96	91	124	107	106	85	83	111
Queen Anne's	93	86	76	74	79	77	87	89	84	75	92	81	96	81	75	87	58	48
Talbot	106	99	96	58	117	63	68	77	79	78	126	95	73	86	95	55	173	120
THIRD CIRCUIT																		
Baltimore	551	389	574	432	595	351	562	332	559	341	633	462	706	645	796	705	925	841
Harford	53	37	71	69	81	70	104	94	108	104	140	125	178	159	189	177	185	165
FOURTH CIRCUIT																		
Allegany	118	108	198	180	147	131	116	84	149	112	160	126	191	184	162	174	171	160
Garrett	43	41	56	46	26	17	36	31	55	46	64	43	111	55	77	131	76	82
Washington	288	292	354	356	273	271	419	400	128	128	311	266	341	342	381	373	416	413
FIFTH CIRCUIT																		
Anne Arundel	322	334	430	336	267	373	373	354	449	334	426	328	363	353	401	382	504	442
Carroll	60	56	74	71	49	51	96	71	75	75	67	36	63	80	76	69	61	72
Howard	108	93	196	163	145	152	159	153	205	163	185	123	155	174	167	143	218	207
SIXTH CIRCUIT																		
Frederick	128	72	185	114	183	138	168	145	158	138	159	112	174	190	149	142	163	143
Montgomery	299	201	360	294	383	251	351	276	473	293	360	233	327	298	302	326	371	337
SEVENTH CIRCUIT																		
Calvert	156	97	178	141	103	81	84	59	No Report		162	120	120	155	127	115	120	120
Charles	113	90	104	85	139	124	117	88	126	131	135	95	145	136	106	128	145	121
Prince George's	888	485	513	386	1358	927	892	674	940	707	1025	623	1222	1132	929	1069	923	943
St. Mary's	60	46	58	30	78	37	135	105	50	29	94	57	136	121	131	76	125	88
EIGHTH CIRCUIT																		
Baltimore City	No Report		6084	5859	5843	5702	6229	6214	6074	6227	5679	4942	6701	6501	7513	6982	7313	7267
STATE	4000	3027	10340	9267	10590	9286	10726	9747	9936	9213	10648	8421	11929	11501	12687	12070	12936	12642

Source: Prior to 1955-56, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Court of Appeals of Maryland;  
1955-56 and thereafter, Reports of Clerks of Court filed with Administrative Office  
of the Courts.

HABEAS CORPUS AND POST CONVICTION PROCEDURE ACT<sup>a</sup> PETITIONS  
FILED IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59		1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
<u>FIRST CIRCUIT</u>					<u>FIFTH CIRCUIT</u>				<u>(H) (P)</u>
Dorchester	1	6	4	0	Anne Arundel	10	30	39	25 12
Somerset	2	0	0	0	Carroll	2	3	2	2 0
Wicomico	2	3	2	5	Howard	16	13	14	9 9
Worcester	6	2	2	0					
<u>SECOND CIRCUIT</u>					<u>SIXTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Caroline	0	2	1	0	Frederick	8	14	2	1 2
Cecil	0	0	9	2	Montgomery	36	24	41	46 4
Kent	2	1	0	0					
Queen Anne's	4	8	2	2	<u>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Talbot	1	4	6	0	Calvert	0	1	1	2 0
<u>THIRD CIRCUIT</u>					Charles	4	7	13	12 3
Baltimore	41	49	61	32	Prince George's	46	50	46	23 13
Harford	1	1	0	0	St. Mary's	0	6	0	0 1
<u>FOURTH CIRCUIT</u>					<u>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</u>				
Allegany	10	12	24	4	Baltimore City	197	248	198	98 173
Garrett	2	0	2	1					
Washington	17	16	26	14	STATE OF MARYLAND	408	520	495	278 259
				8					

(a) Effective June 1, 1958

NOTE: The columns under the year 1958-59 separate the two types of petitions, the first under "H" being Habeas Corpus Cases, and the second under "P" being Post Conviction Cases.

## Trials

In contrast to reports of interminable delays in the trial of cases elsewhere, in Maryland the average time interval between filing and trial of law cases is but 11.1 months.

The cause of considerable concern to laymen as well as lawyers, court congestion has been a subject on the agenda of national and local judicial and legal conferences across the nation. Probably the most widely known of these is the United States Attorney General's Conference on Court Congestion and Delay in Litigation. The National Conference on Judicial Selection and Court Administration also studied the sub-

ject. In addition it has received the attention of bar associations through committees appointed for the specific purpose of studying the problem.

Only recently a special committee on court congestion of the American Bar Association prepared and issued in cooperation with the American Bar Foundation a 28 page report entitled "Ten Cures For Court Congestion".

"This Committee", the report stated in part,

AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN INSTITUTION AND TRIAL  
OF LAW CASES IN VARIOUS SUB-DIVISIONS OF THE STATE  
1958-1959

	State	Baltimore City	All 23 Counties	Four Metro-politan Counties	Other 19 Counties
All LAW Cases	11.1	11.6	10.9	13.0	7.0
ALL Law JURY Cases	13.6	15.2	12.2	14.6	7.2
Motor Torts	13.9	14.6	12.5	15.4	6.7
Other Torts	16.1	18.2	14.0	14.8	10.2
All other cases	12.7	15.3	11.9	13.7	8.2
ALL Law NON-JURY Cases	9.1	8.4	9.6	11.7	6.7
Motor Torts	11.1	9.0	14.1	16.4	11.0
Other Torts	9.1	10.1	8.1	11.4	4.6
All other cases	8.5	7.9	8.8	10.7	6.1

Source: Clerks of Court Monthly Report of Trials

NUMERICAL CLASSIFICATION OF LAW CASES TRIED  
IN VARIOUS SUB-DIVISIONS OF MARYLAND  
1958-1959

	State	Baltimore City	All 23 Counties	Four Metro-politan Counties	Other 19 Counties
All LAW Cases	2682	1173	1509	928	581
ALL Law JURY Cases	1191	542	649	425	224
Motor Torts	574	321	253	170	83
Other Torts	146	72	74	61	13
All other cases	471	149	322	194	128
ALL Law NON-JURY Cases	1491	631	860	503	357
Motor Torts	330	192	138	79	59
Other Torts	98	59	39	20	19
All other cases	1063	380	783	404	379

Source: Clerks of Court Monthly Report of Trials.

AVERAGE ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN INSTITUTION  
AND TRIAL OF LAW CASES  
BOTH JURY AND NON-JURY  
September 1, 1957 - August 31, 1959

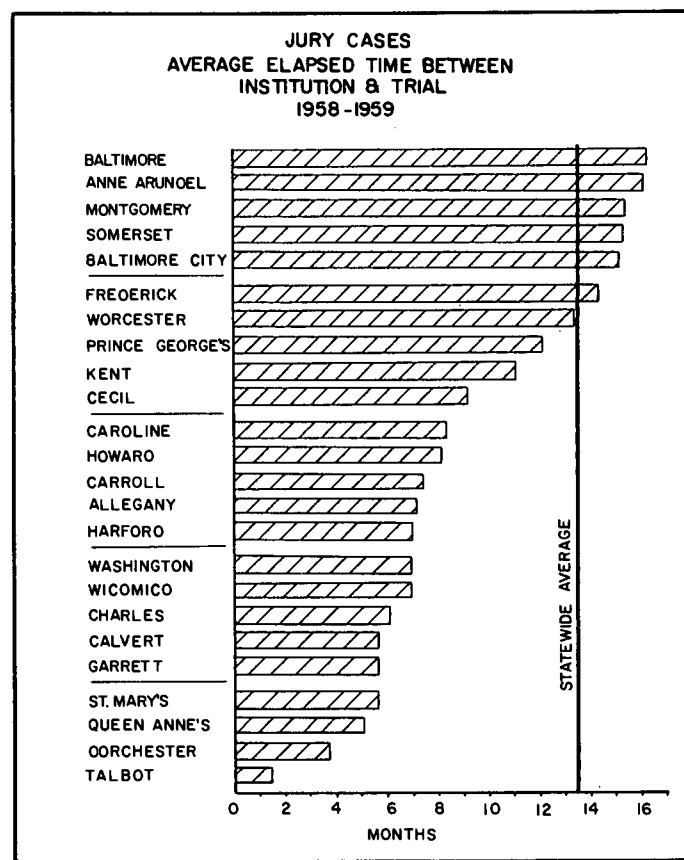
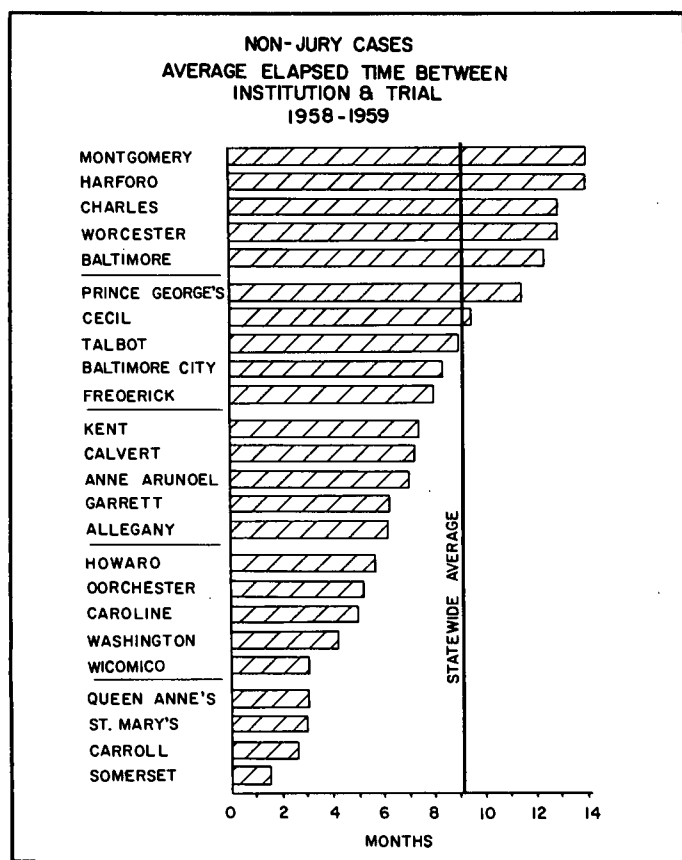
	1957 - 1958		1958 - 1959			1957 - 1958		1958 - 1959	
	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>		<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>	<u>Jury</u>	<u>Non-Jury</u>
Dorchester	7.6	7.2	3.8	5.3	Anne Arundel	11.2	7.8	16.1	7.1
Somerset	10.8	7.1	15.4	1.5	Carroll	6.2	6.0	7.4	2.7
Wicomico	12.0	6.9	7.1	3.3	Howard	6.9	3.2	8.1	5.7
Worcester	13.6	5.3	13.5	13.0					
Caroline	4.2	2.8	8.3	5.1	Frederick	15.4	9.5	14.4	8.1
Cecil	8.3	3.1	9.2	9.6	Montgomery	11.6	13.3	15.5	14.1
Kent	17.7	7.3	11.0	7.6					
Queen Anne's	5.1	1.7	5.1	3.1	Calvert	5.2	7.4	5.7	7.5
Talbot	4.9	4.4	1.4	8.8	Charles	7.1	4.6	6.2	13.1
					Prince George's	8.8	6.7	12.0	11.7
Baltimore	15.7	15.1	16.4	12.6	St. Mary's	7.1	7.4	5.7	3.1
Harford	9.7	10.4	7.1	14.0					
					Baltimore City	15.1	9.4	15.2	8.4
Allegany	6.0	8.2	7.3	6.4					
Garrett	6.9	4.5	5.7	6.5					
Washington	5.6	6.4	7.1	4.6	State	12.4	9.3	13.6	9.1

"believes a court has a delay problem when the time lapse between filing and judgment exceeds twelve months".

The estimate is in contrast to the conclusions reached by the Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Conference that delay is excessive if it exceeds six months.

Information received from Clerks of Court concerning the trial of cases in Maryland has been such as to confirm the thinking of this office to the effect that a time lag of one year between filing and trial of law cases is not excessive. As we said in a previous publication, a certain amount of delay is essential, the very mechanics of preparation alone oftentimes requiring twelve months. The time span also is effected by the type of action and the degree of complexity of the pleading.

Preceding charts depict not only the average elapsed time between institution and trial of various types of law cases tried in the state and in its various sub-divisions during the period covered by this report, but also the number of cases. Another, making year to year comparisons, reveals a consistency in both the number of trials and the



time intervals between filing and trial. The graphs above makes more readily apparent the information in the chart concerning the time delay computed for each individual county. These time lag averages should be considered in light of the number of cases tried, as in some instances the total is not large enough to make the averages as meaningful as they are in courts where a considerable number of cases have been heard. On page 87 are listed the actual number of cases falling in each age group.

These charts and graphs reveal that in Maryland, other than in a few instances not numerous enough to change the broad picture, there is no such delay in the trial of law cases as to cause concern. In fact, more than 60 per cent of the cases tried are less than one year old. Of the remaining group only half have been on the dockets more than 18 months.

A small portion of the cases being of abnormally great age, as disclosed in the chart on page 87, suggests that the median might be preferable to the average in

considering the time spans of the cases. The median, of course, is the middle value in order of size in any set of data, the total of which is an odd number. When the total is even, the median is the value midway between the two middle items.

LAW CASES TRIED (Jury and Non-Jury)						
	Tried			Time Lapse		
	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
STATE OF MARYLAND						
Motor Torts	894	887	904	11.9	12.5	12.8
Other Torts	202	273	244	13.1	13.1	13.8
All Others	1614	1478	1534	8.5	9.2	9.8
All Cases	2710	2638	2682	10.2	10.7	11.1
CITY OF BALTIMORE*						
Motor Torts	535	505	513	12.5	13.5	12.9
Other Torts	108	143	131	14.9	15.0	13.1
All Others	615	549	529	10.4	10.0	9.3
All Cases	1258	1197	1173	11.7	12.1	11.6

\* For the year 1955-56 the Time Lag in all law cases was 16.4 months in Baltimore City. Median figure for all law cases for 1958-59 is 8.9 months.

The median time span

between filing and trial of the 2682 law cases tried<sup>a</sup> in Maryland is 8.9 months.

The greater rapidity with which non-jury cases reach trial, as compared with jury cases also is disclosed by the charts and graphs, the statewide computations being 13.6 months between filing and trial of jury cases, in contrast to 9.1 months for non-jury matters.

Charges that actions to recover damages for personal injuries arising out of automobile accidents clog the dockets and are one of the chief causes contributing to the delay of cases in reaching trial find no support in the records of trial court work in this state. While all motor tort cases, those for property damage as well as for personal injury, account for just over one-third of the total number of cases reported tried - 904 cases out of 2682 - the average delay between their filing and trial was 12.8

(a) Instructions for the report of Law Trials provide that: A trial to be reported is any contested proceeding, jury or non-jury in which evidence is introduced and a verdict or judgment sought. This will include cases wherein possibly only one witness has been sworn, or but a single document introduced, and then terminated before submission to the Court or jury by directed verdict, mistrial, dismissal or settlement; also cases wherein a jury has been unable to agree.

To be included, for our purposes, as coming within the meaning of this definition are hearings on inquisitions to determine and extend damages, as well as Habeas Corpus proceedings in which testimony is heard, and "Friendly Suits", if the parties and counsel appear and the Court examines witnesses, hears testimony as to the extent of injuries or damages and considers the propriety of the agreed judgment or settlement.

The following are not to be reported as a trial:

Cases passed for settlement (except where trial actually was started prior to settlement);

Cases wherein on call in open court plaintiff submits to a Non-Pros and a judgment for defendant for cost is entered;

Consent verdicts and judgments agreed to by counsel before trial, or where a case is dismissed and judgment for cost is entered upon by stipulation, unless done after trial on the merits has begun;

Cases which have been settled between the parties and plaintiff seeks judgment for cost only, and in which such judgment is entered;

Cases in which a plaintiff does not answer when called in open court, and in which a Non-Pros and judgment in favor of the defendant is entered;

Workmen's Compensation cases wherein the appeal is not pressed, no testimony is heard, and the court affirms the S.I.A.C. with appropriate judgment;

"Friendly Suits" wherein the declaration, appearances, pleas and order of satisfaction are filed with the clerk, and the case concluded and costs paid at the same time;

Same type of case differing only in that at the request of counsel, the court signs an order granting judgment in the case;

Notice of Assessments under the Maryland Unemployment Compensation Law;

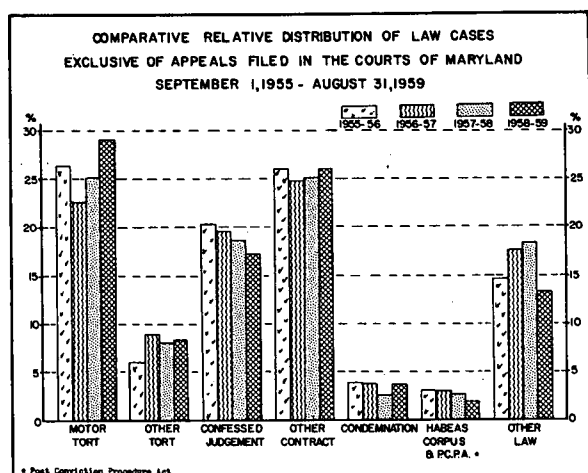
Supplemental Proceedings; Federal Tax Liens; Extraditions.

MONTHS ELAPSING BETWEEN FILING AND  
TRIAL OF LAW CASES

	All Cases		Jury Cases		Non-Jury Cases	
	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59	1957-58	1958-59
State	10.7	11.1	12.4	13.6	9.3	9.1
Baltimore City	12.1	11.6	15.1	15.2	9.4	8.4
Metropolitan Counties	11.7	13.0	11.9	14.6	11.4	11.7
Other Counties	6.8	7.0	7.4	7.2	6.4	6.7

months. This figure not only is close to the average of 11.1 months for all law cases, but is considerably less than the average computed for cases arising out of all other types of torts. The average delay of this latter group of cases was 13.8 months.

According to a nation wide calendar status study of state trial courts of general jurisdiction conducted by the Institute of Judicial Administration, in 1959 it took an average of 10.1 months for a personal injury case to reach a jury trial after the parties were "at issue". The institute's report also examined the correlation between population and calendar congestion, and disclosed that the average time span increased to 20.4 months in jurisdictions having more than 750,000 persons, to 12.2 months in those with between 500,000 and 750,000 population, but fell to 6.0 in jurisdictions under 500,000. On the next page appears a chart giving the time lag in some of the courts serving populations similar to that of Baltimore City.



While no statewide records of the time lapse between "issue" and trial are reported to this office, there is available in Baltimore City a comparable figure, it being the interval between the date cases are placed on the trial dockets of the Assignment Commissioner and their subsequent trial. The period is somewhat

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equivalent to the nation wide calendar study of cases at issue, as in each instance they are ready for trial. This time interval in Baltimore for jury cases arising out of motor torts, was found to be 13.3 months, in contrast to the 14.6 month average between filing and trial of such cases. The 13.3 time lag also is to be compared with the 20 months reported for large communities in the Institute's study and report.

DELAY IN TRIAL COURTS SERVING POPULATIONS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF BALTIMORE	
<u>Courts</u>	<u>Average Delay<sup>a</sup></u>
Superior Court, Cook County (Chicago), Illinois (4,508,792)	52.9
Circuit Court, Cook County (Chicago), Illinois (4,508,792)	50.3
Supreme Court, Queens City, (N.Y.C.) (1,550,849)	44.0
Supreme Court, New York City (1,794,069)	24.0
District Court, Harris County (Texas-Houston) (806,701)	18.0
Superior and County Courts, Essex County, New Jersey (905,949)	13.7
Superior Court, Alameda County (California) (740,315)	11.5
Superior Court, Suffolk County (Boston) (896,615)	9.0
Circuit Court, Dade County (Miami, Florida) (850,000)	7.0
Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin (871,047)	6.4
(a) Months elapsing between Issue and Trial	
Source: Institute of Judicial Administration - 1959 Report	

The small chart entitled "Baltimore City - Trial Dockets" gives both the number of cases sent by the Assignment Bureau to the courts for trial, as well as the time lapse in each category. Of 1173 cases tried in Baltimore City, all but 68 were funnelled through the assignment office. Charts on pages 72 and 73 give further statistical information concerning the time spans between filing and trial of the various types of cases. In the former, the cases are listed in their respective categories and differences between City and State figures revealed. The latter, separating the jury and non-jury cases, gives comparative time spans for not only Baltimore City and the State, but for the counties as well.

In reflecting upon the delay figures here presented, consideration should be given to the "Age of Law Cases Tried" chart on page 76, wherein it is disclosed that



although 65 per cent of all cases tried in Baltimore City were less than one year old, the time span average is raised considerably by a small group of 150 or so old cases. The median for Baltimore is 8.9 months.

There is thinking to the effect that the most important statistic is the age of the cases actually pending. Its advocates suggest that what has been has been and that time spans for the past are of little help in

contemplating the current condition of the docket of a given court. Prognostication of the future, however, based on established firmly fixed past performances extending over a period of years, is an acceptable method sanctioned by usage and custom. The consistency of the time spans over the years strongly supports the suggestion that the newly instituted cases will reach trial, the litigants willing, within similar periods of time.

Equity hearings cannot be considered in the same manner as those from the law and criminal dockets, many of the cases having a long life and require numerous rulings on their various aspects. Consequently Clerks of Court are instructed<sup>a</sup> to report all hearings, whether they be trials of cases on their merits or on subsidiary petitions and motions. This is in contrast to the practice in the law and criminal courts which do not include in their reports the motions heard. On the other hand, our

#### BALTIMORE CITY - TRIAL DOCKET

	Law Cases Heard			
	All Cases	Motor Torts	Other Torts	Other Cases
Jury	533	320	71	142
Non-Jury	572	163	55	354
Totals	1105	483	126	496
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	Time Lapse*			
	All Cases	Motor Torts	Other Torts	Other Cases
Jury	10.3	13.3	11.6	9.6
Non-Jury	4.8	5.6	5.9	4.3
Totals	7.5	8.7	9.1	5.8

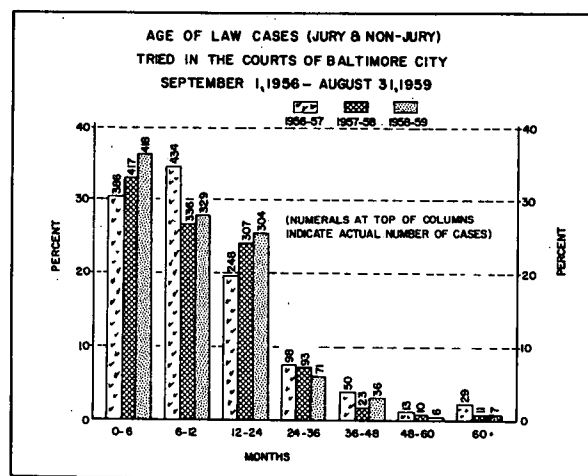
\* Time elapsing between date Placed on Trial Calendar and date of trial.

(a) Instructions for the report of Equity hearings state: Report on this sheet all Equity hearings of whatsoever names, whether they be trials of original suits on their merits, or subsidiary petitions and motions in suits on the dockets for various periods of time. When there are hearings on such matters as exceptions to an auditor's account, petitions to change

amount of alimony, to change custody of children, for fees, to intervene, exceptions to accounts, demurrers, or other subsidiary questions, they should be reported under Equity.

Do not report as a trial in Equity decrees pro confesso.

instructions specially list some matters which are not to be reported under the heading "hearings". The interpretation of what constitutes a hearing, of whether an abbreviated conference should be reported as a trial or ignored as merely incidental to the case, requires an exercise of discretion on the part of the report-



ing agency. The impossibility of eliminating all variance in the exercise of such discretion, coupled with the possible failure in some instances to eliminate cases in which decrees are signed without there having been a hearing, undoubtedly contributes to rather wide differences in the number of hearings reported in the different courts. For instance, one clerk reports 274 equity cases terminated, but only 14 equity hearings. In contrast, another lists 91 terminations and 95 hearings.

Equity hearings reported for the twelve months following August 31, 1958 total 2690 cases throughout the State. Approximately one-quarter of these were in Baltimore City.

The age of the Equity matters heard, found listed on page 88, are computed from the filing date of the particular petition before the court and not necessarily from the filing date of the original cause of action. They follow, it will be observed, the quick trial pattern of the law and criminal cases, the bulk of them having been disposed of within three months after being instituted.

### Criminal

Eighty-five per cent of the criminal indictments and informations tried in Maryland are heard within three months of their inception. Only six per cent failed to reach trial within less than six months.

Five per cent of the cases were tried before a jury. During the twelve months covered by this report there were but 442 jury trials heard in the State. The bulk of these - 80 per cent, in fact - were heard in the circuit courts for the counties.

Non-jury cases reach trial more quickly than do those in which jury trials are elected. The accompanying chart discloses approximately a two month difference in the time lapse of the two types of cases.

Criminal cases heard in the courts of the state totaled 8829, according to compilations of figures submitted by the Clerks of Court. Of these, 60 per cent were in Baltimore City, while another 20 per cent were listed in the four metropolitan counties bordering either the District of Columbia or Baltimore City. This means that the remaining nineteen counties handled about 20 per cent of the criminal matters, which is in keeping with the population charted elsewhere herein. The number of

CRIMINAL CASES TRIED IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND  
WITH AVERAGE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN FILING AND TRIAL

Cases Tried					Time Lapse (months)			
<u>Jury</u>		<u>Non-Jury</u>			<u>Jury</u>		<u>Non-Jury</u>	
<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>		<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>
398	442	8281	8387	State	2.6	3.1	1.4	1.7
75	76	5320	5238	City	2.4	2.8	1.1	1.3
323	366	2961	3149	All Counties	3.0	3.2	2.1	2.5
158	168	1603	1688	Metropolitan <sup>a</sup>	3.1	4.5	2.3	2.8
165	198	1358	1461	Other 19 Counties	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.1

a - Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's

trials<sup>a</sup> reported for each court and their age classification are charted on page 89.

Distinguished and reported as an item separate from the 5314 criminal trials listed in Baltimore City are 1336 bastardy, desertion and non-support cases which also were tried in that jurisdiction. These cases, being referred by the Domestic Relations Division of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, are disposed of in a branch of the criminal court specially created to handle such cases. Only three of the defendants involved in these domestic difficulties elected to be tried before a jury.

In January, 1956, there was established by court order a Domestic Relations Division of the Supreme Bench with a Master in Chancery at its helm. To him now are referred all matters relating to unpaid orders for alimony, support of wives and children, and criminal non-support and bastardy cases. The Master hears testimony and receives probation reports, attempts to resolve disputes, and recommends adjustments in court orders when they are indicated.

Non-support and bastardy cases in which settlement cannot be effected, or in which there has been failure to comply with an agreement or order previously effected, are referred to the Court. The judge regularly assigned to the Circuit Court No. 2 hears these cases while sitting as Part IV of the Criminal Court of Baltimore. Other judges assist him as circumstances require.

Of the 1336 cases referred to the court, 643 were bastardy cases and 693 desertion and non-support cases. These were disposed of in 1267 trials.

Another group of cases of unique character are those involving applications of the Defective Delinquent Law. A legislative enactment in 1951 provided a place of confinement to which defendants in criminal cases could be referred for examination

(a) Instructions for the report of criminal trials direct: In addition to trials with testimony, etc., also include cases in which pleas of guilty are entered, regardless of whether there is testimony in them.

Do not report on this form as a trial case in which a Stet or Nolle Prosequi is entered by the State prior to trial.

When one individual is named in several indictments, and they are all tried at one and the same time, bracket the group so that this office will be cognizant of the fact.

When several individuals are charged in one indictment, report as one trial.

as to whether they were defective delinquents<sup>a</sup>. Upon an affirmative finding by the examining authority<sup>b</sup> the individual is tried in court, either before a jury or before a judge without a jury, at his election. The issue of whether or not he is a defective delinquent is determined.

Reports of the trial of cases of this nature in the Circuit Courts are intermingled with law cases, the Court of Appeals having declared them to be civil in their nature. In Baltimore City, where, however, they are reported separately, 61 were tried, only three being before juries.

Examination of the records in Baltimore City disclose 617 more cases on the regular docket were terminated than were tried. The difference is accounted for by those cases in which there have been entries of Stet or Nolle Prosequere, as well as a few which have been abated by death or reconsidered and ignored by the grand jury. Similar types of entries also account for differences between trials and terminations in the circuit courts for the counties.

The listing of the number of trials in each court, whether of law, equity or criminal matters, is not to suggest they constitute the entire activity of a given court or of the judge or judges presiding therein. Some cases require several days for trial - even up to four weeks - while others are of such simplicity that several can be disposed of in a day. The bare statistical figures are not meant as a test of how hard a judge works, or whether presiding at an extended trial requires more effort than the disposition of a dozen short cases. Incidental to the trial of cases are innumerable other activities not reflected in these published reports. Records maintained in one court over a period of 16 working days revealed the presiding judge, in addition to the

(a) Chapter 476 of the Acts of 1951, codified as Article 31B of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(b) Patuxent Institution, an institution created by the above cited act to which certain defendants in criminal cases may be referred for examination and diagnosis to ascertain whether they are defective delinquents under the statute.

trial of cases, participated in 170 separate office conferences of varying lengths with lawyers concerning court matters, and disposed of some fifty motions. Similar activity is prevalent in every court throughout the State.

We think it appropriate to repeat, however, that the statistics gathered enable a pattern to develop, based on the safety of averages over a period of time, which directs attention to where the work is and thought as to what should be done about it.

### Central Assignment System

There is sharp divergence of opinion as to the merits and weaknesses of the central calendar system and of the individual calendar system. The latter has the merit of a particular group of cases being assigned to one judge to be by him handled throughout their existence, including motions, pretrial conferences and other matters preliminary to the trial. Proponents of the central assignment system contend that when working properly, it will move a steady stream of cases toward trial with great efficiency and that more cases will be disposed of by the same number of judges than when they work from separate lists.

Provision for the operation of a central assignment system in Baltimore City was made in 1955 with the creation of a Central Assignment Bureau. Since beginning its operation March 1st of that year, this department has assigned for trial practically all cases, other than criminal, heard in the courts of Baltimore. Assignment of criminal cases is under the supervision of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City. To process the cases ready for trial, the Bureau maintains five dockets, i.e., (1) jury and (2) non-jury law dockets, (3) general and (4) domestic equity dockets, (5) administrative agencies appeals docket. The jury

Cases Tried Between  
Sept. 1, 1956 and Aug. 31, 1959  
which had been filed prior to Sept. 1, 1955

	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
Statewide	572	146	68
Baltimore City	333	91	35
Baltimore County	117	31	22
All Other Counties	122	24	11

docket of law cases is the most active.

Contrary to the other tables throughout this volume, those depicting actual trials include all cases regardless of time instituted. When statistical compilations of the work of the courts first was undertaken, there were innumerable cases on the dockets from which those being tried were drawn almost exclusively. As the years passed, the cases being readied for trial came increasingly from those filed after September 1, 1955. The gradual de-

crease of the old or pre-September, 1955 cases is portrayed in the table on the preceding page. It discloses the old cases tried in the State total but 68, of which 35 were heard in Baltimore City. Also included herein is a table showing the ratio of these

Percentage of Cases Tried in Baltimore City  
Which Were Filed Prior to September 1, 1955

	Per cent	Time Span*
First 6 months 9/1/55 - 2/28/56	95.0	18.0 mos
Second 6 months 3/1/56 - 8/31/56	59.0	13.7 mos
Third 6 months 9/1/56 - 2/28/57	30.7	11.9 mos
Fourth 6 months 3/1/57 - 8/31/57	16.8	11.5 mos
Fifth 6 months 9/1/57 - 2/28/58	10.4	12.7 mos
Sixth 6 months 3/1/58 - 8/31/58	4.1	11.4 mos
Seventh 6 months 9/1/58 - 2/28/59	3.9	12.5 mos
Eighth 6 months 3/1/58 - 8/31/59	1.6	11.0 mos

\* Average time elapsing between institution and trial of all cases.

COMPARATIVE DATA OF CASES DISPOSED OF AND PENDING  
ON THE TRIAL ASSIGNMENT DOCKETS OF THE  
LAW COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

	1956-57 June 23, 1956 to June 21, 1957	1957-58 June 22, 1957 to June 25, 1958	1958-59 June 26, 1958 to June 19, 1959
<b>Manner of Disposition</b>			
Verdicts and Judgments			
Administrative Appeals	96	121	93
Others	1067	1056	1005
Settled	1924	2206	2063
Non Pros and Dismissed	203	100	105
Miscellaneous	16	196	206
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3306</b>	<b>3679</b>	<b>3472</b>

Unnumbered Cases	252	189	188
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Cases Added	3391	3709	3847
Pending	2621	2651	3027
Jury	2171	2256	2575
Non-Jury	412	356	404
Administrative Appeals	38	39	48

Source: Assignment Commissioner of Baltimore City

older cases to the total tried in Baltimore City. Accompanying a decided drop from 95.0 to 1.6 per cent is a gradual decrease in the time lag between institution and trial.

Making detailed reports each June and December of the work flowing through its office, the Assignment Bureau accounts for the disposition of approximately 3,500 law cases annually. At the same time comparative data compiled from reports covering the three years

ending June 19, 1959, the date of the last report available at press time, indicates that the number of cases added to the docket each year have been greater than the number disposed of. The pending law cases as of June 19, 1959, totaled 3027. During the following summer months, however, 824 additional cases were added to the law dockets, bringing the total ready for trial at the opening of the September Term of Court to 3851.

The first cases on the dockets of the assignment office were those transferred from the old trial dockets of the various courts, at which time jury cases totaled 3455 and non-jury cases 1467. Of the original group of jury cases, but 17 remain, while 20 of the non-jury still are carried. This means that in a four-year period 99.3 per cent of the original block of law cases have been disposed of and removed from the dockets.

To assure the continuous daily trial of cases in the courts available to hear law cases requires the preparation of large daily preliminary assignments. The Assign-

COMPARATIVE DATA OF CASES DISPOSED OF AND PENDING  
ON THE TRIAL ASSIGNMENT DOCKETS OF THE  
EQUITY COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY

	1956 (6 months) June 23, 1956 to January 3, 1957	1957 (6 months) January 4, 1957 to June 21, 1957	1957 (6 months) June 22, 1957 to December 18, 1957	1958 (6 months) December 19, 1957 to June 25, 1958	1958 (6 months) June 26, 1958 to December 22, 1958	1959 (6 months) December 23, 1958 to June 19, 1959
Manner of Disposition						
Decrees and Orders		226	227	256	235	193
Settled		65	87	42	52	83
Dismissed		37	38	78	6	47
Referred to an Examiner		44	61	64	75	100
TOTALS		377	413	440	368	423

Cases Added		209	367	487	345	376
Pending End of Period	686	518	472	519	496	449
General Equity Cases	283	230	188	172	178	183
Domestic Cases	403	288	284	347	318	266

Source: Assignment Commissioner of Baltimore City



ment Commissioner finds it necessary to prepare preliminary assignments of up to 100 jury cases each day in order to have seven or eight cases in the final assignments ready for trial. Likewise in the preparation of each day's trial of non-jury and equity cases many are tentatively set in order to have a hard core ready in the final assignment.

### Juvenile Cases

During the twelve months covered by this report, 10,204 new juvenile cases were filed in Maryland. While an increase of 1363 over the preceding year, the total number of cases actually show no significant change in the volume, as more than half of the increase was from Prince George's County, from which reports of juvenile work had not heretofore been received.

Juvenile cases in Maryland are tried by the judges of the Circuit Courts in all but three jurisdictions. These are Allegany, Montgomery, and Washington counties where such cases are handled at the magistrate level and from which this office has received no reports. Prior to December, 1958, juvenile cases in Prince George's County likewise were tried by the magistrates. Since that date, when the Circuit Court judges assumed jurisdiction over such matters, statistical reports of the cases filed have been furnished for inclusion in the publications of the Administrative Office. They account for 56 per cent of the statewide increase in juvenile causes. In Garrett County the trial magistrate had concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court until June 1, 1957.

Of all the cases filed this past year, 6754 involved delinquency charges against juveniles.<sup>a</sup> Cases of dependency and neglect totaled 2873, while 577 adult cases

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(a) In Baltimore City a person under the age of 16 years; in the State of Maryland, other than Baltimore City, a person under the age of 18 years.

JUVENILE CAUSES FILED  
(1955 - 1959)

	<u>TOTALS</u>			<u>TYPES</u>								
				Delinquency			Dependency and Neglect			Adult		
	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Counties</u>
1955-56	4997	8230	3233	3399	5611	2212	1311	2142	831	287	477	190
1956-57	4501	7838	3337	2901	5250	2349	1348	2191	843	252	397	145
1957-58	5426	8841	3415	3648	6100	2452	1557	2386	829	221	355	134
1958-59	5732	10204	4472	3829	6754	3465	2138	2873	735	305	577	272

make up the balance.

Charts on pages 90 through 93 give a breakdown of the types of cases in each court and their disposition, in addition to the hearings conducted. The one above carries year to year comparisons of total cases filed and terminated.

With terminations, that is to say, with the record of cases disposed of, showing nearly as large a total as that for the number filed, it is obvious that the work of all of the courts is current. Constant docketing of new cases necessitates a certain number of pending cases.

TABLE J

**LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES TRIED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

CIRCUITS		LAW <sup>1</sup>						EQUITY <sup>2</sup>	CRIMINAL <sup>1</sup>		
		MOTOR TORT	OTHER TORT	CONDEM- NATION	CONTRACT	OTHER LAW	TOTALS		TOTALS	TOTALS	
							JURY	NON- JURY		JURY	NON- JURY
F I R S T	DORCHESTER COUNTY	2	2	0	9	4	2	<u>17</u> 15	95	4	<u>31</u> 27
	SOMERSET COUNTY	3	0	1	1	2	6	<u>7</u> 1	3	12	<u>125</u> 113
	WICOMICO COUNTY	12	3	8	5	11	27	<u>39</u> 12	14	9	<u>156</u> 147
	WORCESTER COUNTY	7	0	0	5	11	6	<u>23</u> 17	15	10	<u>68</u> 58
S E C O N D	CAROLINE COUNTY	1	0	0	0	1	1	<u>2</u> 1	*	15	<u>21</u> 6
	CECIL COUNTY	5	2	8	4	14	17	<u>33</u> 16	39	17	<u>45</u> 28
	KENT COUNTY	1	0	0	4	4	5	<u>9</u> 4	10	8	<u>65</u> 57
	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	5	1	2	4	3	10	<u>15</u> 5	6	4	<u>27</u> 23
	TALBOT COUNTY	0	1	1	2	9	2	<u>13</u> 11	11	7	<u>82</u> 75
T H I R D	BALTIMORE COUNTY	115	19	25	149	98	124	<u>406</u> 282	272	10	<u>792</u> 782
	HARFORD COUNTY	7	4	7	6	1	10	<u>25</u> 15	16	1	<u>126</u> 125
F O U R T H	ALLEGANY COUNTY	13	1	5	6	19	15	<u>44</u> 29	280	18	<u>102</u> 84
	GARRETT COUNTY	21	0	1	0	59	6	<u>81</u> 75	70	3	<u>122</u> 119
	WASHINGTON COUNTY	35	3	9	32	19	39	<u>98</u> 59	130	32	<u>281</u> 249

1. APPEALS INCLUDED

2. INCLUDES HEARINGS ON SUBSIDIARY PETITIONS AND MOTIONS AS WELL AS TRIAL OF CASES ON THEIR MERITS.

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\* No report

TABLE J (continued)

**LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL CASES TRIED  
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

CIRCUITS		LAW <sup>1</sup>					EQUITY <sup>2</sup>		CRIMINAL <sup>1</sup>	
		MOTOR TORT	OTHER TORT	CONDEM- NATION	CONTRACT	OTHER LAW	TOTALS JURY	NON- JURY	TOTALS JURY	NON- JURY
F I R T H	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	25	7	18	38	31	<u>119</u> 42	77	286	<u>420</u> 25 395
	CARROLL COUNTY	13	1	13	9	10	<u>46</u> 32	14	103	<u>46</u> 22 24
	HOWARD COUNTY	4	12	11	0	45	<u>72</u> 20	52	90	<u>145</u> 16 129
S I X T H	FREDERICK COUNTY	7	0	3	4	9	<u>23</u> 4	19	140	<u>89</u> 2 87
	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	39	30	16	39	12	<u>136</u> 107	29	*	<u>188</u> 41 147
S E V E N T H	CALVERT COUNTY	2	1	0	0	6	<u>9</u> 2	7	5	<u>57</u> 9 48
	CHARLES COUNTY	1	0	6	6	2	<u>15</u> 13	2	12	<u>28</u> 5 23
	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	70	25	25	10	137	<u>267</u> 152	115	394	<u>456</u> 92 364
	ST. MARY'S COUNTY	3	2	1	2	2	<u>10</u> 7	3	40	<u>43</u> 4 39
8 T H	BALTIMORE CITY	513	131	10	283	236	<u>1173</u> 542	631	659	<u>5314</u> 76 5238
T O T A L	STATE	904	245	170	618	745	<u>2682</u> 1191	1491	2690	<u>8829</u> 442 8387

1. APPEALS INCLUDED

2. INCLUDES HEARINGS ON SUBSIDIARY PETITIONS AND MOTIONS AS WELL AS TRIAL OF CASES ON THEIR MERITS.

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\* No report

TABLE K-1

## AGE OF LAW CASES TRIED

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Totals	Less Than 3 mos	3-5	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	Over 60
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>													
Dorchester	17	8	4	4			1						
Somerset	7	2	1		2		1	1					
Wicomico	39	12	9	13	5								
Worcester	23	2	7	6	3	1		1	3				
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>													
Caroline	2	1	1										
Cecil	33	15	6	5	1		2	2			2		
Kent	9	1	3	2	1	2							
Queen Anne's	15	6	6	2		1							
Talbot	13	6	2	2	1		2						
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>													
Baltimore	406	88	51	84	80	30	27	16	9	5	7	3	6
Harford	25	4	5	9	2		3	1	1				
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Allegany	44	15	13	11	3					2			
Garrett	81	38	11	19	6	3	1	2	1				
Washington	98	36	29	25	2	5		1					
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Anne Arundel	119	23	26	33	17	9	4	3	2	1			1
Carroll	46	14	13	12	6	1							
Howard	72	26	17	18	8	3							
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Frederick	23	8	5	3	2	4			1				
Montgomery	136	6	3	48	44	25	1	2	4	2			1
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Calvert	9	3	2	3		1							
Charles	15	4	5	2	4								
Prince George's	267	33	49	84	46	21	18	10	6				
St. Mary's	10	3	3	4									
<b>TOTAL</b>	1509	354	271	389	233	106	60	39	27	10	9	3	8
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>	1171 <sup>a</sup>	195	223	329	202	102	51	20	25	11	5	1	7
<b>TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES</b>	2680	549	494	718	435	208	111	59	52	21	14	4	15

a - Two cases not included as reported without time span data.

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE K-2

## AGE OF EQUITY MATTERS HEARD

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Totals	Less Than 3 mos	3-5	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	Over 60
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>													
Dorchester	95	49	22	14	4	1	2						3
Somerset	3		2		1								
Wicomico	14	10	2	2									
Worcester	15	5	5	2	1		2						
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>													
Caroline	No Report												
Cecil	39	23	6	5	3		1	1					
Kent	10	9	1										
Queen Anne's	6	3	1	1	1								
Talbot	11	6	1	3				1					
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>													
Baltimore	271 <sup>a</sup>	94	63	64	19	13	9	1	3	2			3
Harford	16	6	7	2			1						
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Allegany	280	194	45	25	6	3				1	2	1	3
Garrett	70	40	13	13		2	1		1				
Washington	130	96	19	10	2	1	1		1				
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Anne Arundel	286	113	44	57	22	13	13	9	3	1	2	2	7
Carroll	103	79	17	6		1							
Howard	90	39	25	7	14	3		1	1				
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Frederick	140	100	25	8	1	3	1	1					1
Montgomery	No Report												
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Calvert	5	3	1	1									
Charles	12	11	1										
Prince George's	394	241	53	48	27	5	9	3	1	4			3
St. Mary's	40	32	2	3		1	1					1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>	<b>607<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>256</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES</b>	<b>2637</b>	<b>1409</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>

a - One case not included as reported without time span data.

b - Fifty-two hearings not included as reported without time span data.

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE K-3

## AGE OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Totals	Less Than 3 mos	3-5	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	Over 60
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>													
Dorchester	31	27	1	3									
Somerset	125	99	8	2	5	4	4	2	1				
Wicomico	156	122	29	3	1				1				
Worcester	68	44	15	8		1							
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>													
Caroline	21	16		5									
Cecil	45	36	4	5									
Kent	65	59	3	3									
Queen Anne's	27	24	1	2									
Talbot	82	59	12	7	2	1			1				
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>													
Baltimore	792	602	77	55	20	13	6	6	1	1	3	2	6
Harford	126	100	20	3			3						
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Allegany	102	91	7	3	1								
Garrett	122	91	11	11	6	2	1						
Washington	281	243	12	23	1			2					
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Anne Arundel	420	354	36	24	3	3							
Carroll	46	35	5	6									
Howard	145	85	40	18	2								
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Frederick	89	61	15	13									
Montgomery	188	112	16	44	8	1	6					1	
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>													
Calvert	57	49	5	3									
Charles	28	19	8	1									
Prince George's	456	324	59	45	9	3	4	3	2	1	4	1	1
St. Mary's	43	30	11	2									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3515</b>	<b>2682</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>BALTIMORE CITY</b>	<b>5314</b>	<b>4851</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES</b>	<b>8829</b>	<b>7533</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE L-1

JUVENILE CAUSES FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING  
IN  
THE COURTS OF MARYLAND\*  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1958 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1959

	PENDING AUGUST 31, 1958				FILED				TERMINATED				PENDING END OF AUGUST 1959			
	TOTAL	DELIN- QUENCY	DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT	ADULT	TOTAL	DELIN- QUENCY	DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT	ADULT	TOTAL	DELIN- QUENCY	DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT	ADULT	TOTAL	DELIN- QUENCY	DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT	ADULT
<b>FIRST CIRCUIT</b>																
DDRCHESTER CDUNTY	12	4	6	2	44	36	8	0	43	36	7	0	13	4	7	2
SDMERSET CDUNTY	12	10	2	0	56	35	13	8	56	37	14	5	12	8	1	3
WIDMICD COUNTY	22	13	9	0	149	132	13	4	136	115	19	2	35	30	3	2
WDRCESTER CDUNTY	6	5	1	0	75	62	6	7	74	61	6	7	7	6	1	0
<b>SECOND CIRCUIT</b>																
CAROLINE CDUNTY	0	0	0	0	48	27	21	0	45	25	20	0	3	2	1	0
CECIL COUNTY	24	10	9	5	86	61	20	5	86	65	17	4	24	6	12	6
KENT COUNTY	14	5	9	0	99	58	38	3	94	54	37	3	19	9	10	0
QUEEN ANNE'S CDUNTY	21	6	13	2	82	49	23	10	97	51	34	12	6	4	2	0
TALBOT COUNTY	9	6	0	3	59	42	11	6	49	35	11	3	19	13	0	6
<b>THIRD CIRCUIT</b>																
BALTIMDRE CDUNTY	298	173	103	22	1812 <sup>a</sup>	1440	316	56	1873	1502	323	48	237	111	96	30
HARFDRD CDUNTY	2	2	0	0	109	83	18	8	107	81	18	8	4	4	0	0
<b>FOURTH CIRCUIT</b>																
GARRETT COUNTY	3	1	1	1	36	12	22	2	39	13	23	3	0	0	0	0
<b>FIFTH CIRCUIT</b>																
ANNE ARUNDEL CDUNTY	33	19	3	11	601	408	110	83	576	404	92	80	58	23	21	14
CARRDLL COUNTY	3	1	2	0	135	121	4	10	132	119	3	10	6	3	3	0
HOWARD CDUNTY	0	0	0	0	82	77	2	3	82	77	2	3	0	0	0	0
<b>SIXTH CIRCUIT</b>																
FREDERICK CDUNTY	0	0	0	0	73	61	9	3	73	61	9	3	0	0	0	0
<b>SEVENTH CIRCUIT</b>																
CALVERT CDUNTY	8	4	1	3	54	29	7	18	54	28	7	19	8	5	1	2
CHARLES COUNTY	6	4	2	0	69	55	8	6	52	43	5	4	23	16	5	2
PRINCE GEDRGE'S COUNTY	0	0	0	0	765	642	85	38	630	513	81	36	135	129	4	2
ST. MARY'S CDUNTY	14	14	0	0	38	35	1	2	34	31	1	2	18	18	0	0
<b>EIGHTH CIRCUIT</b>																
BALTIMDRE CITY	905	723	149	33	5732	3289	2138	305	5719	3255	2166	298	918	757	121	40

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\* ALLEGANY, MONTGOMERY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, WHERE JUVENILE CAUSES ARE HANDLED AT THE MAGISTRATE LEVEL, NOT INCLUDED.

a - Includes 362 reinstated cases.



TABLE L-2

## HEARINGS IN JUVENILE CAUSES

September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

	Delinquency				Dependency and Neglect				Adult				Totals			
	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals
Anne Arundel	372	62	0	441	91	32	0	123	74	25	0	99	544	119	0	663
Baltimore City	3096	788	7	3891	2085	357	0	2442	265	50	0	315	5446	1195	7	6648
Baltimore County	1190	310	2	1502	237	62	24	323	41	6	1	48	1468	378	27	1873
Calvert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caroline	26	41	0	67	20	50	11	81	0	1	0	1	46	92	11	149
Carroll	119	32	0	151	3	0	0	3	10	0	0	10	132	32	0	164
Cecil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles	41	5	0	46	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	4	46	5	0	51
Dorchester	39	0	0	39	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	57	0	0	57
Frederick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett	13	2	0	15	22	3	0	25	3	1	0	4	38	6	0	44
Harford	81	16	0	97	18	15	0	33	8	0	0	8	107	31	0	138
Howard	77	0	0	77	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	82	0	0	82
Kent	50	65	0	115	13	10	15	38	3	0	3	6	66	75	18	159
Prince George's	548	85	0	633	84	12	0	96	36	0	0	36	668	97	0	765
Queen Anne's	50	9	1	60	7	11	7	25	10	1	0	11	67	21	8	96
St. Mary's	39	0	2	41	4	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	43	1	2	46
Somerset	18	0	0	18	12	0	0	12	6	0	0	6	36	0	0	36
Talbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wicomico	91	8	0	99	12	1	0	13	3	1	0	4	106	10	0	116
Worcester	63	4	0	67	7	0	0	7	9	0	0	9	79	4	0	83

Source: Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE L-3

JUVENILE CAUSES DISPOSED OF  
September 1, 1958 - August 31, 1959

DELINQUENCY	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjournment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence Suspended	j. Sentenced	TOTALS
Anne Arundel	71	0	8	167	47	21	90	0	0	0	404
Baltimore City	25	492	949	1188	556	44	1	0	0	0	3255
Baltimore County	75	226	34	514	329	45	270	8	1	0	1502
Calvert	1	0	5	7	5	0	10	0	0	0	28
Caroline Carroll	15	0	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	25
Cecil	47	15	0	41	8	0	8	0	0	0	119
Charles	7	7	1	25	17	8	0	0	0	0	65
	4	1	5	21	5	2	5	0	0	0	43
Dorchester	16	0	0	3	16	1	0	0	0	0	36
Frederick	23	0	1	5	14	17	1	0	0	0	61
Garrett	0	0	0	2	0	3	8	0	0	0	13
Harford	15	9	26	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	81
Howard	26	9	14	13	7	8	0	0	0	0	77
Kent	5	0	0	32	6	0	11	0	0	0	54
Prince George's	36	0	225	165	52	2	33	0	0	0	513
Queen Anne's	9	5	0	29	1	3	4	0	0	0	51
St. Mary's	1	2	4	18	2	2	2	0	0	0	31
Somerset	10	2	3	13	3	1	1	0	0	0	37
Talbot	1	0	0	3	11	0	20	0	0	0	35
Wicomico	34	1	15	52	6	2	5	0	0	0	115
Worcester	36	0	6	13	3	3	0	0	0	0	61

DEPENDENCY and NEGLECT	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjournment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence Suspended	j. Sentenced	TOTALS
Anne Arundel	0	0	0	0	7	42	43	0	0	0	92
Baltimore City	0	362	252	0	1	1345	206	0	0	0	2165
Baltimore County	0	20	1	0	9	176	115	0	0	0	325
Calvert	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	7
Caroline Carroll	0	0	0	6	0	14	2	0	0	0	20
Cecil	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Charles	0	0	0	0	7	9	1	0	0	0	17
	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5
Dorchester	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Frederick	4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	9
Garrett	0	0	7	4	6	3	5	0	0	0	23
Harford	0	2	4	1	1	8	2	0	0	0	18
Howard	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kent	1	0	0	3	0	1	32	0	0	0	37
Prince George's	0	0	9	1	2	52	17	0	0	0	81
Queen Anne's	0	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	34
St. Mary's	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Somerset	0	0	0	0	2	10	4	0	0	0	14
Talbot	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Wicomico	0	0	6	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	19
Worcester	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6

ADULT	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjournment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence Suspended	j. Sentenced	TOTALS
Anne Arundel	3	0	4	8	3	7	53	2	0	0	80
Baltimore City	0	65	32	97	6	0	0	4	65	29	298
Baltimore County	2	14	0	7	11	0	10	1	3	0	48
Calvert	0	0	6	0	1	0	4	0	8	0	19
Caroline Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Cecil	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	10
Charles	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
Dorchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frederick	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Garrett	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Harford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	5	8
Howard	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
Kent	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Prince George's	0	0	9	7	0	0	18	2	0	0	36
Queen Anne's	0	6	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	12
St. Mary's	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Somerset	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	5
Talbot	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
Wicomico	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Worcester	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	0	7

TOTALS	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjournment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence Suspended	j. Sentenced	TOTALS
Anne Arundel	74	0	12	175	57	70	186	2	0	0	576
Baltimore City	25	919	1233	1285	563	1389	207	4	65	29	5719
Baltimore County	77	260	35	523	349	221	395	9	4	0	1873
Calvert	1	0	11	7	6	1	20	0	8	0	54
Caroline Carroll	15	0	0	14	1	14	1	0	0	0	45
Cecil	47	15	0	41	8	1	10	2	4	0	132
Charles	7	7	1	26	24	18	3	0	0	0	86
	4	2	5	23	6	4	7	1	0	0	52
Dorchester	16	0	0	3	16	8	0	0	0	0	43
Frederick	27	0	1	5	18	20	1	1	0	0	73
Garrett	0	0	7	8	6	5	13	0	0	0	39
Harford	15	11	30	29	4	8	2	3	0	5	107
Howard	26	10	16	13	7	8	0	2	0	0	82
Kent	6	1	0	36	7	1	43	0	0	0	94
Prince George's	36	0	243	173	54	54	68	2	0	0	630
Queen Anne's	9	27	0	32	1	4	21	0	3	0	97
St. Mary's	1	2	4	18	4	2	2	1	0	0	34
Somerset	11	2	5	13	10	10	3	0	2	0	56
Talbot	1	0	0	8	14	0	26	0	0	0	49
Wicomico	34	1	21	53	6	8	13	0	0	0	136
Worcester	36	0	7	14	3	13	0	1	0	0	74

Source: Monthly Reports of Clerks of Court

TABLE L-4

COMPOSITE TABLE OF JUVENILE CAUSES  
FILED AND TERMINATED IN THE  
COURTS OF MARYLAND  
1950 to 1959

	1950-51		1951-52		1952-53		1953-54		1954-55		1955-56		1956-57		1957-58		1958-59	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
TOTALS	5370	5090	5481	5240	6754	6085	7673	6689	6778	5779	8230	7283	7838	7917	8841	8317	10204	10021
Anne Arundel County	293	293	267	267	356	356	1332	1332	358	358	438	412	490	468	513	528	601	576
Baltimore City	3608	3478	3681	3561	4495	4140	4421	3807	4480	4013	4997	4424	4501	4589	5426	5006	5732	5719
Baltimore County	731	747	834	834	985	838	976	820	1193	796	1588	1346	1489	1578	1651	1506	1812	1873
Calvert County	26	13	16	6	21	8	14	8	No Report		28	24	40	36	14	14	54	54
Caroline County	74	41	43	39	39	51	53	48	70	37	47	44	54	51	45	51	48	45
Carroll County	68	68	71	71	76	75	84	84	70	70	77	73	91	87	62	67	135	132
Cecil County	60	55	58	45	82	80	79	55	66	63	88	73	62	50	70	73	86	86
Charles County	29	21	36	29	56	45	59	41	50	35	70	58	65	59	50	62	69	52
Dorchester County	33	32	33	47	47	45	52	49	No Report		43	41	57	43	77	81	44	43
Frederick County	28	24	22	23	40	40	22	19	37	35	60	60	57	55	61	63	73	73
Garrett County <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	18	17	13	11	23	23	36	39
Harford County	25	25	34	34	53	51	93	92	125	125	160	160	187	187	204	202	109	107
Howard County	60	63	83	84	50	50	81	30	65	65	68	68	108	108	94	94	82	82
Kent County	55	14	44	16	35	33	67	57	46	41	119	110	143	121	83	100	99	94
Prince George's County	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	765	630
Queen Anne's County	80	48	90	41	118	83	91	53	101	43	114	92	127	129	128	127	82	97
St. Mary's County	29	19	16	12	26	20	39	30	22	13	33	30	38	35	34	26	38	34
Somerset County	28	24	17	14	25	18	12	10	No Report		40	31	56	60	51	44	56	56
Talbot County	47	34	57	52	101	32	74	40	62	61	49	41	78	78	70	69	59	19
Wicomico County	54	49	45	45	59	56	50	50	No Report		133	128	107	91	119	118	149	136
Worcester County	22	22	24	24	40	27	20	15	No Report		60	51	75	81	66	63	75	74

(1) In Garrett County, prior to June, 1957, the trial magistrate had concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court over juvenile causes.

NOTE: Juvenile causes are handled at the magistrate level in Allegany, Montgomery and Washington Counties, as they were also in Prince George's County prior to December 15, 1958. Since that date exclusive jurisdiction over juvenile matters in this last County has been conferred upon the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

VI  
PEOPLE'S COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY

Created by Constitutional amendment<sup>a</sup> and subsequently made a court of record in 1954,<sup>b</sup> the People's Court of Baltimore City has exclusive jurisdiction in civil cases where the amount involved is \$100.00 or less, and concurrent jurisdiction with the law courts of Baltimore City where the amount involved is more than \$100.00 but not in excess of \$1,000.00. There is statutory provision for appeal.

Reports of the work of this court, which have been consolidated in the statistical table following, reveal over a three year period an annual filing of more than 100,000 actions, approximately 75 per cent of which are landlord and tenant summary ejectment cases. The bulk of the actions are disposed of by the five judges on the bench of this court after Ex Parte hearings. Contested cases total some 12,000, of which two-thirds are in the summary ejectment category.

In that group of cases in which the People's Court and the law courts of the Eighth Judicial Circuit have concurrent jurisdiction, actions in contract far outnumber those in tort. Contract cases making claims of more than \$100.00, and not more than \$1,000, total over 6,000 each year, in contrast to about 2,000 tort actions for claims within the same range.

The statutory provision making judgments recorded in the judgment index of the court, on order of the plaintiff, liens on real estate has resulted in the recording of almost 9,000 judgments annually.

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(a) Constitution of Maryland, Art. IV, Sec. 41A

(b) Article 52, Section 58, Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition.

**TABLE M-1**  
**CASES FILED AND TERMINATED**  
**IN THE**  
**PEOPLE'S COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY**

	1957 (Calendar Year)			1958 (Calendar Year)			1959(b) (Calendar Year)		
	Filed	Terminated <sup>(a)</sup>		Filed	Terminated <sup>(a)</sup>		Filed	Terminated <sup>(a)</sup>	
		Tried Contested	Ex Parte		Tried Contested	Ex Parte		Tried Contested	Ex Parte
LANDLORD and TENANT									
Summary Ejectment									
Housing Authority of Baltimore City	12,249	868	5,863	15,464	1,108	7,248	12,957	999	6,549
Other	71,911	7,360	58,646	83,952	8,697	64,044	62,173	9,902	50,018
Quit Notices	1,409	XXX	XXX	1,058	XXX	XXX	897	XXX	XXX
Tenants Holding Over	214	51	37	189	22	34	141	40	45
Forcible Entry and Detainer	39	5	3	51	5	10	33	11	9
Grantee's Possession Suit	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
Distrains	116	XXX	XXX	163	XXX	XXX	152	XXX	XXX
CONTRACT									
Claims of \$100.00 or less	13,147	632	10,573	13,343	607	7,900	9,984	587	4,544
Claims of more than \$100.00 and not in excess of \$1000.00	6,368	722	4,911	6,808	730	4,629	7,638	835	2,647
Confessed Judgments	506	XXX	XXX	651	XXX	XXX	579	XXX	XXX
TORT									
Claims of \$100.00 or less	1,044	325	222	1,090	229	95	753	257	125
Claims of more than \$100.00 and not in excess of \$1000.00	2,137	894	333	2,027	908	356	2,020	921	330
OTHER									
Replevin	484	15	164	725	25	264	737	97	283
Attachment on Judgments	777	XXX	XXX	733	XXX	XXX	705	XXX	XXX
Attachment on Original Process	49	-	-	19	0	5	87	4	44
Execution (Fi Fa)	2,036	XXX	XXX	2,719	XXX	XXX	2,962	XXX	XXX
Baltimore City Tax Cases	0	0	0	2,349	0	0	1,612	17	286
	112,486	10,872	83,752	131,344	12,332	84,586	103,430	13,670	64,880
*****									
				(1957)	(1958)		(1959)		
SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEEDINGS				121	154		138		
JUDGMENTS OF COURT RECORDED ON ORDER OF PLAINTIFF				8,712	8,613		8,785		
CASES REMOVED TO EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURTS									
Contract				9	18		29		
Tort				24	38		44		
Other				0	0		1		
APPEALS TO THE BALTIMORE CITY COURT									
Contract					176		286		
Tort				418	350		238		
Other					6		11		
TIME SPAN <sup>(c)</sup> (Average Elapsed Time between Institution and Assigned Trial Dates for the Period)									
Contract Cases and Tort Cases				42 days	38 days		39 days		
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(a) Cases Passed for Settlement, Dismissed, Settled, or continued with consent of Court, are not included.									
(b) Month of December not included.									
(c) Computed only for Contract and Tort cases; other categories, such as Summary Ejectment, Tenant Holding Over, Grantee's Suit for Possession, and Replevin are not included, as there are statutory provisions fixing the trial date in relation to date of filing, to which the Court conforms.									

Source: Clerk of the People's Court

## VII PEOPLE'S COURT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

The work of this court, having been made available by its Chief Judge on a monthly basis only since September 1959, there is no statistical data for the year covered by this report. If, however, the three reports received to date are to be relied upon as indicating the routine amount of work, the court undoubtedly processes annually some 6000 ejectment cases, 5000 contract cases and possibly 500 tort actions. To convey some idea of the type of proceedings and the method of reporting in use, combined figures for the months of September, October, and November 1959 are reproduced herein on the form used for their original reporting.

Established by Chapter 675 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, 1955, the People's Court of Baltimore County has exclusive jurisdiction in civil matters where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$500.00, and in landlord and tenant cases. It is not a court of record, hence its judgments must be recorded in the Circuit Court

for Baltimore County in order to constitute a lien on property. It has power to issue the writ of replevin, attachments on original process, and distrains.

The accompanying table showing cases filed during 1958 gives some insight into the work load of the court.

PEOPLE'S COURT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY					
Cases Filed					
1958					
	Eastern Dundalk	Essex	Central	Western	Total
Contract	1,130	1,263	2,025	1,191	5,609
Tort	138	136	235	100	609
Landlord-Tenant:					
Summary Ejectment	1,367	984	143	1,061	3,555
Tenant Holding Over	8	7	12	11	38
Distrains	3	20	19	7	49
Forcible Entry & Detainer	2	2	13	1	18
Grantees' Suit	0	1	0	0	1
Replevin	81	56	23	27	187
Attachment on Original Process	0	6	14	5	25
Total	2,729	2,475	2,484	2,403	10,091

Source: Report from the People's Court of Baltimore County, April 30, 1959.  
Compiled by the then presiding judges, W. Edward Plitt, Chief Judge;  
Allen E. Buzzel, John J. Caslin, W. Giles Parker, Associate Judges.

TABLE M-2

CASES FILED AND TERMINATED  
IN THE  
PEOPLE'S COURT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

September  
October and  
Months November 1959

	CENTRAL				WESTERN				EASTERN*				TOTALS			
	Filed	Terminated		Filed	Terminated		Filed	Terminated	Dundalk		Filed	Terminated	Essex		Filed	Terminated
		Contested	Ex Parte		Contested	Ex Parte							Contested	Ex Parte		
		(a)	(b)		(a)	(b)		(a)	(b)		(a)	(b)		(a)	(b)	
LANDLORD & TENANT																
Summary Ejectment	45	10	15	18	311	8	2	431	134	205	3	445	28	382	1232	180
Tenants Holding Over	4	3	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3		1	13	7
Forcible Entry																2
and Detainer	2			0	2	1	4	4	4	3	3	2			10	5
Grantee's Possession					1											
Suit					1	1	1								1	1
																1
Distraints	6				1		2	3				6			16	2
CONTRACT	525	51	35	401	291	21	7	207	22	32	213	283	15	14	1306	109
TORT	54	36	5	41	22	16	2	22	23	2	11	27	5		125	80
CONFERSED JUDGMENTS	22			21				3			3	4			29	
REPLEVIN	2		1	1	2	1	2	14	1	7	2	5		3	23	1
ATTACHMENT ON			1	1	1			3		1	1				5	
ORIGINAL PROCESS	1		1	1	1											2
SUPPLEMENTARY PRO-																
CEEDINGS																
WARRANTS OF RESTI-	6	xxx	xxx	xxx	55	xxx	xxx	221	xxx	xxx	xxx	117	xxx	xxx	399	xxx
TUTION ISSUED																xxx
WARRANTS OF RESTI-	6	xxx	xxx	xxx	55	xxx	xxx	221	xxx	xxx	xxx	117	xxx	xxx	399	xxx
TUTION PROCESSED																xxx
APPEALS TO THE CIR-																
CUIT COURT FOR BALTI-																
MORE COUNTY -																
Contract	6	xxx	xxx	xxx	3	xxx	xxx	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	11	xxx	xxx	25	xxx
Tort	5	xxx	xxx	xxx		xxx	xxx	4	xxx	xxx	xxx	4	xxx	xxx	13	xxx
Other	1	xxx	xxx	xxx		xxx	xxx	2	xxx	xxx	xxx		xxx	xxx	3	xxx

\* There are two courts in the Eastern District.

(a) In column "a" are listed cases in which one of the parties appeared in court.

(b) Column "b" indicates summary judgments, etcetera.

NOTE: Additional cases other than those listed above which were Passed for Settlement, Dismissed, Settled, or Generally Continued by Consent of the Court, totaled 682

Central	182
Western	172
Eastern	328
Dundalk	127
Essex	201

VIII  
MARYLAND COURT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

Activities of the association during the last year included the sponsoring in the General Assembly of nineteen bills affecting housekeeping duties in the Clerks' offices, fifteen of which were enacted into law, with four referred for further study. Noteworthy among this legislation was the amendment of Sections 12 and 13 of Article 36 of the Maryland Code simplifying and streamlining the fees to be charged by the Clerk for certain services rendered. This amendment permits the Clerks in the counties (there was no change in Baltimore City) to tax recording charges at the rate of \$2.00 per page, or portion thereof, plus indexing at fifty cents per name, instead of the old word count method. The legislation is expected to encourage a reduction in length of documents, thus saving space in record rooms, and to effect a substantial saving in recording charges to clients of attorneys where V.A. and F.H.A. mortgages are offered for recording.

Amendments providing for uniform administrative procedures and breakage in fees in the issuing of licenses pursuant to Article 56 of the Code, also were successfully enacted as a result of association sponsorship, as were others providing for the destruction of obsolete conditional sales contracts and Magistrate Court papers in the custody of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts.

The annual convention, held August 7th and 8th in Ocean City, Maryland, and well attended, was addressed by the Hon. Thomas P. Chapman, President of the National Association of County Recorders and Clerks, and by the Hon. Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the State of Maryland.

Reports of committees were received and a discussion period was held on various problems. The Post Conviction Procedure Act was discussed by Mrs. Roberta



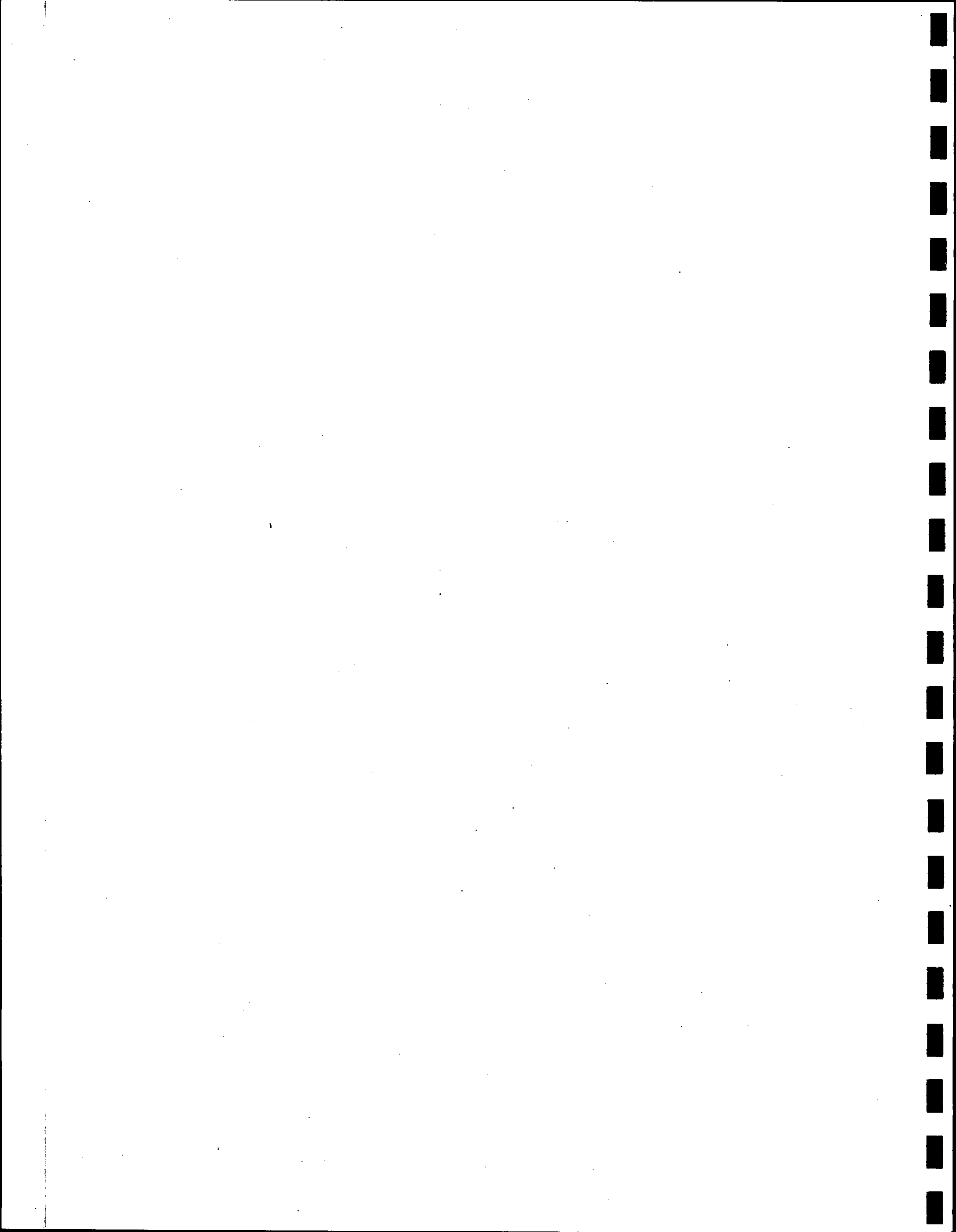
B. Laughton, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, and changes resulting from the amendments to the license laws were explained by Mr. Frank Smith, Office Deputy, Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City. The policy of the Comptroller's office with reference to its approval of purchases made by the Clerks was explained by Mr. Bernard Nossel, Chief Deputy Comptroller. Representatives from the Department of Budget and Procurement described merchandise available from that department.

Officers of the Association and members of its Executive Committee follow:

President - W. Waverly Webb, Prince George's County  
 Vice President - Lawrence R. Mooney, Criminal Court of Baltimore  
 Secretary - Ellis C. Wachter, Frederick County  
 Treasurer - D. Ralph Horsey, Caroline County

Executive Committee:

Frank W. Hales, Worcester County, 1st Judicial Circuit  
 D. Ralph Horsey, Caroline County, 2nd Judicial Circuit  
 Walter J. Rasmussen, Baltimore County, 3rd Judicial Circuit  
 Joseph E. Boden, Allegany County, 4th Judicial Circuit  
 George B. John, Carroll County, 5th Judicial Circuit  
 Ellis C. Wachter, Frederick County, 6th Judicial Circuit  
 W. Waverly Webb, Prince George's County, 7th Judicial Circuit  
 Frank C. Robey, Court of Common Pleas  
 of Baltimore City, 8th Judicial Circuit



## APPENDIX

**COURT OF APPEALS**

**Chief Judge and  
four associates**

**Has appellate jurisdiction only.**

**Administrative Office  
of the Courts**

**Assists the Chief Judge in the performance of his extra-judicial duties as administrative head of the State judicial system**

**Board of Law  
Examiners**

## TRIAL COURTS

FIRST Judicial Circuit (4 Judges)	SECOND Judicial Circuit (3 Judges)	THIRD Judicial Circuit (7 Judges)	FOURTH Judicial Circuit (3 Judges)	FIFTH Judicial Circuit (5 Judges)	SIXTH Judicial Circuit (5 Judges)	SEVENTH Judicial Circuit (5 Judges)	EIGHTH Judicial Circuit (15 Judges)
<p>The Circuit Courts in the first seven judicial circuits hear criminal and civil law cases, both jury and non-jury, as well as matters arising in Equity, but these are heard without a jury, other than in a few isolated instances where legislative enactments have provided for Trial by Jury. These courts also hear appeals from Trial Magistrates and from administrative agencies. With the exception of the courts in Allegany, Montgomery and Washington counties, they have jurisdiction in Juvenile Causes.</p> <p>The judges also convene as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. This is not, however, a conventional court, hearing no causes on their merits. In the exercise of limited duties it assigns its members to the trial courts and makes rules governing those courts; admits attorneys to practice, holds disbarment proceedings, hears motions for new trials in criminal cases.</p>							
<p>Supreme Bench of Baltimore City</p> <p>In this judicial circuit there are 15 courts, the judges rotating from one to another each year, while at the same time having authority to preside in any of the courts as the need arises.</p>							

Superior Court	Court of Common Pleas	Baltimore City Court	Criminal Court	Circuit Court	Circuit Court No. 2	Judges at Large
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<p>These courts have current original jurisdiction in civil law cases, jury and non-jury; also special jurisdiction, i.e., appeals from People's Court and administrative agencies.</p>			<p>Criminal Cases, including appeals from Magistrates; also cases referred from Domestic Relation Division of the Supreme Bench. (a) Youth Court</p>	<p>Equity cases (b) Division for Juvenile Causes (c) Also cases referred from Domestic Relation Division of the Supreme Bench.</p>	<p>Assist in any of the Courts of Motion Judge</p>	

## OTHER COURTS

## TRIAL MAGISTRATES

Trial magistrates in the counties have jurisdiction in petty criminal cases, and in civil matters where the limit of their jurisdiction is restricted, varying in the several counties from \$100.00 to \$1000.00. In Baltimore City 13 trial magistrates, designated as Police Magistrates, try petty criminal cases; eight magistrates preside in a Traffic Court, with exclusive jurisdiction over cases arising under the Motor Vehicle Laws. Appeals lie to the Circuit Courts or to the Criminal Court of Baltimore.

## ORPHANS' COURTS

One in each county and one in Baltimore City, in each of which three judges preside. The courts have jurisdiction over the administration of the estates of decedents and minors. Appeals lie to the Circuit Court level as well as to the Court of Appeals.

## PEOPLE'S COURTS

In Baltimore City the People's Court is presided over by a Chief Judge and three associates; it has exclusive jurisdiction in civil law cases where the amount involved is \$100.00 or less, and concurrent jurisdiction with the law courts of the Eighth Judicial Circuit where the amount involved is between \$100.00 and \$1000.00. It is a court of record. People's Courts with limited jurisdiction in civil law matters also have been established in Baltimore and Montgomery counties. The latter also has limited jurisdiction in criminal law matters. The right of appeal is provided.

# COURTS - JUDGES - CLERKS

<u>CLERKS</u>	<u>CHIEF DEPUTY CLERKS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>JUDGES</u>
<u>Court of Appeals</u>	J. Lloyd Young	Annapolis	Hon. Frederick W. Brune Hon. William L. Henderson Hon. Hall Hammond Hon. Stedman Prescott Hon. William R. Horney
<u>First Judicial Circuit</u>			
Dorchester County	Philip L. Cannon	Cambridge	Hon. W. Laird Henry, Jr.
Somerset County	Grace J. Barnes	Princess Anne	Hon. E. McMaster Duer
Wicomico County	Joseph W. T. Smith	Salisbury	Hon. Rex A. Taylor
Worcester County	Frank W. Hales	Snow Hill	Hon. Godfrey Child
<u>Second Judicial Circuit</u>			
Caroline County	D. Ralph Horsey	Denton	Hon. J. DeWeese Carter
Cecil County	W. Andrew Seth	Elkton	Hon. Edward D. E. Rollins
Kent County	W. Henry Gsell	Chestertown	None
Queen Anne's County	T. Sorden Pippin	Centreville	Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Jr.
Talbot County	John T. Baynard	Easton	None
<u>Third Judicial Circuit</u>			
Baltimore County	Walter J. Rasmussen	Towson	Hon. John B. Gontrum Hon. Lester L. Barrett Hon. John E. Raine, Jr. Hon. W. Albert Menchine Hon. James J. Lindsay Hon. George M. Berry Hon. Stewart O. Day
Harford County	Garland R. Greer	Bel Air	
<u>Fourth Judicial Circuit</u>			
Allegany County	Joseph E. Boden	Cumberland	Hon. Morgan C. Harris
Garrett County	Richard L. Davis	Oakland	Hon. Neil C. Fraley
Washington County	G. Merlin Snyder	Hagerstown	Hon. D. K. McLaughlin
<u>Fifth Judicial Circuit</u>			
Anne Arundel County	George T. Cromwell	Annapolis	Hon. Benjamin Michaelson Hon. Matthew S. Evans Hon. O. Bowie Duckett Hon. James E. Boylan, Jr. Hon. James Macgill
Carroll County	G. Bucher John	Westminster	
Howard County	Roby H. Mullinix	Ellicott City	

Sixth Judicial Circuit

Frederick County	Ellis C. Wachter	Arthur H. Lambert	Frederick	Hon. Patrick M. Schnauffer
Montgomery County	Clayton K. Watkins	Margaret E. Scherrer	Rockville	Hon. Thomas M. Anderson
				Hon. Kathryn J. Lawlor
				Hon. James H. Pugh
				Hon. Ralph G. Shure

Seventh Judicial Circuit

Calvert County	J. Lloyd Bowen	B. Laveille Hance	Prince Frederick	Hon. John B. Gray, Jr.
Charles County	Patrick C. Mudd	Dorothy H. Posey	La Plata	Hon. J. Dudley Digges
Prince George's County	W. Waverly Webb	Roberta B. Laughton	Upper Marlboro	Hon. Charles C. Marbury
St. Mary's County	C. Benedict Greenwell	Mary R. Fowler	Leonardtown	Hon. John R. Fletcher
				Hon. Philip H. Dorsey, Jr.

Eighth Judicial Circuit

Baltimore City Court	John O. Rutherford	Edwin J. Dickerson	Baltimore City	Hon. Emory H. Niles
Common Pleas	Frank C. Robey	Charles F. Evans		Hon. John T. Tucker
Superior Court	James F. Carney	Robert H. Bouse		Hon. Charles E. Moylan
Criminal Court	Lawrence R. Mooney	George F. J. Brown		Hon. E. Paul Mason
Circuit Court	Henry J. Ripperger	Joseph C. Mazziotte		Hon. Michael J. Manley
Circuit Court No. 2	G. Gordon Kirby	Raleigh E. Stokes		Hon. S. Ralph Warnken
				Hon. Joseph R. Byrnes
				Hon. Joseph L. Carter
				Hon. James K. Cullen
				Hon. Reuben Oppenheimer
				Hon. Edwin Harlan
				Hon. Anselm Sodaro
				Hon. Joseph Allen
				Hon. J. Gilbert Prendergast
				Hon. Dulany Foster

People's Court of  
Baltimore City

Edward P. Dugan <sup>(a)</sup>	Baltimore City	Hon. Allan W. Rhynhart
		Hon. William T. Tippet, Jr
		Hon. E. Everett Lane
		Hon. Henry L. Rogers

People's Court of  
Baltimore County

Thomas J. Hughes	Towson	Hon. Ernest C. Trimble
		Hon. W. Giles Parker
		Hon. Edward P. Swiss
		Hon. John P. Zebelean

(a) Senior Administrative Assistant

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**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ..... COUNTY**

Date .....

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### **Structure of Clerk**

AO NO. 4 REV. 2-57

**Court:**

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(1) This date is required as to law cases only.  
(2) There being no Jury Trials in Equity, other than petitions for Writ de Lunatico Inquirendo, please indicate in this column from which Circuit Court the case came.

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**Note:** Please place all domestic relations trials in their respective columns and all other criminal trials in the column provided.  
See instructions as to what constitutes "a trial."



FACSIMILES OF FORMS FOR REPORTING CASES FILED  
TERMINATED AND PENDING IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

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(LAW)

County \_\_\_\_\_  
Judicial Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

MONTHLY REPORT OF LAW, EQUITY AND CRIMINAL  
CASES FILED, TERMINATED AND PENDING

LAW	Kind of Case	Pending End of Previous Month	Filed During Month	Terminated During Month	Pending End of This Month
1. Motor Tort	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2. Other Tort	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
3. Confessed Judgments	-----	xxxxxxx	-----	-----	xxxxxxx
4. Other Contract	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
5. Condemnation	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
6. Habeas Corpus	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
6a. Post Conviction	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
7. Other Law	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL CASES	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
8. Appeals					
(a) Magistrate/People's Court Counties	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
(b) People's Court Baltimore City excluding removals	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
(c) Other Appeals	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL APPEALS	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL CASES & APPEALS	---	-----	-----	-----	-----

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(JUVENILE)

Court \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

JUVENILE CAUSES

	DEL'Y*	OEP. & NEG.	ADULT	TOTALS
13. UNFINISHED CASES PENDING PRIOR MONTH				
a. Not apprehended or not ready for hearing	---	---	---	---
b. Pending and ready for hearing	---	---	---	---
c. Sub-curia pending investigation	---	---	---	---
TOTAL (13)	---	---	---	---
14. PETITIONS FILED DURING MONTH				
TOTAL (13 and 14)	---	---	---	---
15. CASES CONCLUDED				
a. Jurisdiction waived	---	---	---	---
b. Charge not sustained - Not Guilty	---	---	---	---
c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjustment	---	---	---	---
d. Probation	---	---	---	---
e. Institutional Commitment	---	---	---	---
f. Commitment to public or private agency	---	---	---	---
g. Other conclusion or disposition	---	---	---	---
h. Fined	xxx	xxx	---	---
i. Sentence Suspended	xxx	xxx	---	---
j. Sentenced	xxx	xxx	---	---
TOTAL (15)	---	---	---	---
16. TOTAL UNFINISHED CASES END OF MONTH (13 and 14 minus 15)	---	---	---	---
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HEARINGS DURING MONTH				
a. Hearings	---	---	---	---
b. Rehearings	---	---	---	---
c. Hearings on support	---	---	---	---
TOTAL	---	---	---	---

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(EQUITY)

County \_\_\_\_\_  
Judicial Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

EQUITY

	Kind of Case	Pending End of Previous Month	Filed During Month	Terminated During Month	Pending End of This Month
9. Adoption	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
10. Divorce, Nullity, Maintenance	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
11. Foreclosure	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
12. Other Equity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL	---	-----	-----	-----	-----

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(CRIMINAL)

County \_\_\_\_\_  
Judicial Circuit \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

CRIMINAL

	Kind of Case	Pending End of Previous Month	Filed During Month	Terminated During Month	Pending End of This Month
17. Bastardy					
(a) by Information	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
(b) by Indictment	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
18. Desertion and Non-support					
(a) by Information	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
(b) by Indictment	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
19. All Other Criminal	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL CASES	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
20. Magistrate Appeals					
(a) Traffic Law violations	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
(b) Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL APPEALS	---	-----	-----	-----	-----
TOTAL CASES & APPEALS	---	-----	-----	-----	-----

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Signature of Clerk

## Statutory Reference

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

(Article 26, Sections 6 - 10, Maryland Code, 1957)

6. Administrative office created; appointment, tenure and compensation of director; seal.

There is hereby created an administrative office of the courts, which shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and shall hold office during the pleasure of the chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Said director shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State budget, and may be a full or part time employee engaged in other employment by the State. The administrative office of the Courts shall have a seal in such form as shall be approved by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and judicial notice shall be taken of such seal by the courts of this State.

7. Appointment and compensation of employee; director and employees not to engage in practice of law.

The director shall have power, with the approval of the chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, to appoint such stenographers, clerical assistants and other employees as he shall deem necessary to carry out the performance of his duties, and the persons so appointed shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State budget. During his term of office or employment, neither the director nor any employee of the administrative office of the courts shall engage directly or indirectly in the practice of law in this State.

8. Duties of director.

The director shall, under the supervision and direction of the chief judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland:

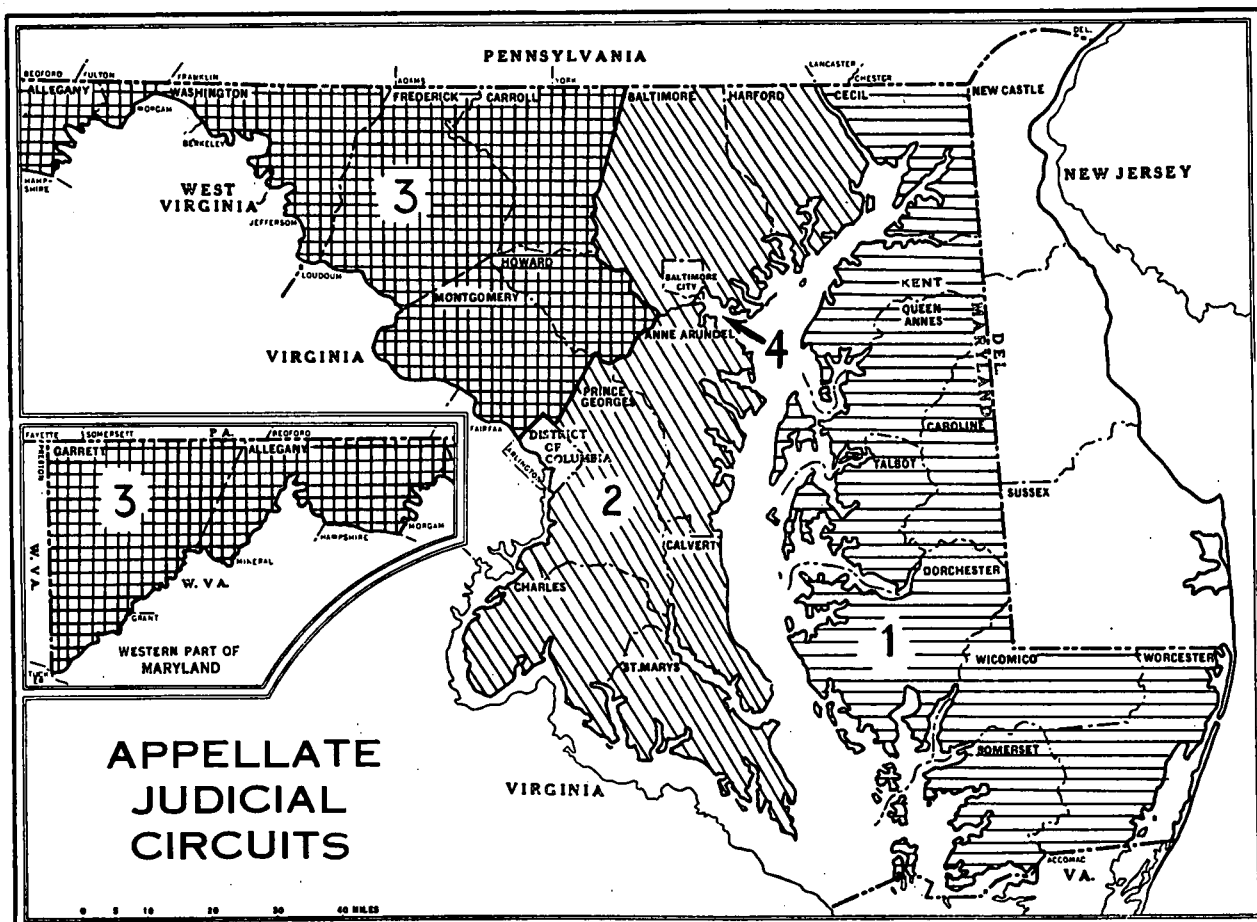
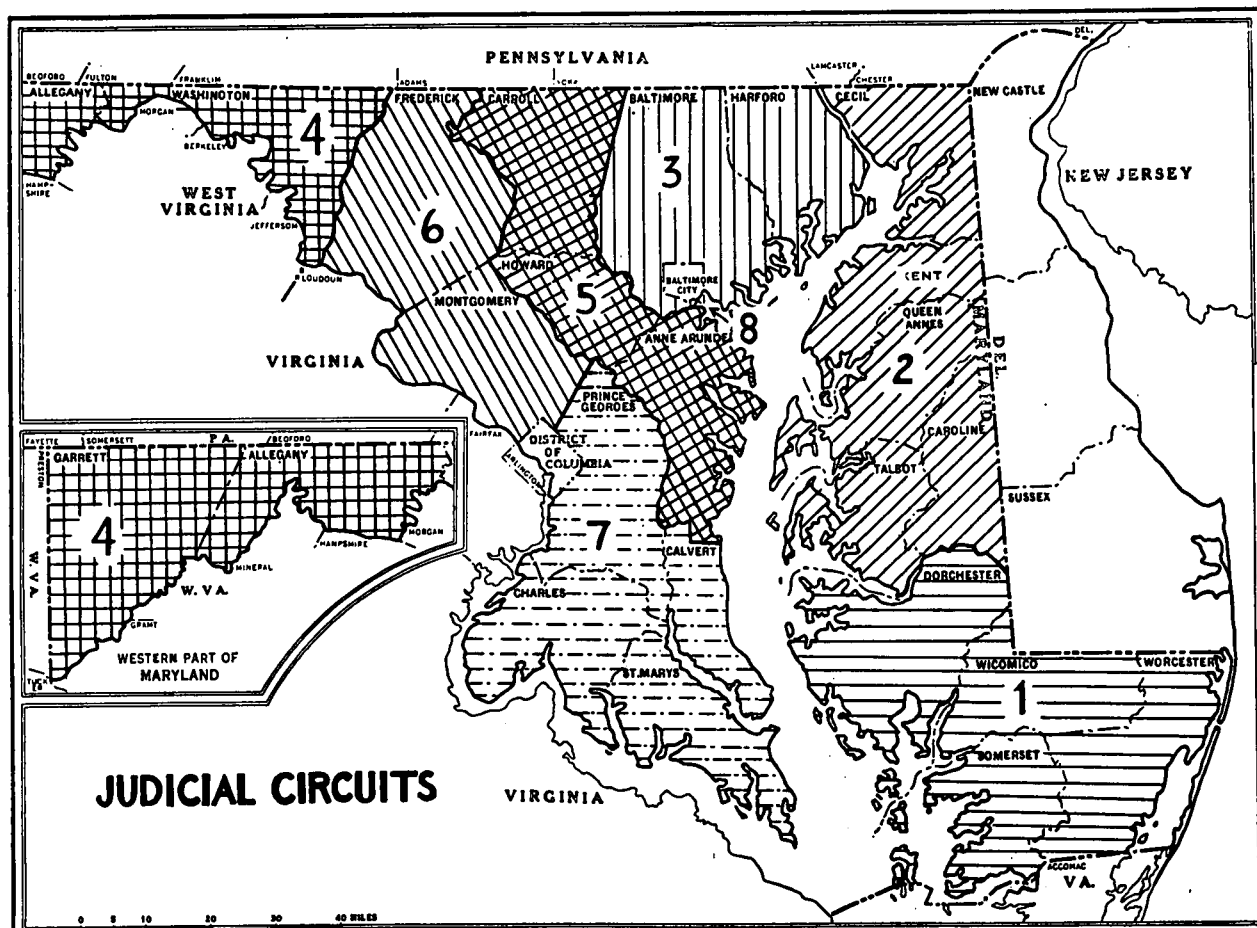
- (a) Examine the state of the dockets of the courts and determine the need for assistance by any court;
- (b) Make recommendations to the chief judge relating to the assignment of judges where courts are in need of assistance and carry out the directions of the chief judge as to the assignments of judges to places where the courts are in need of assistance;
- (c) Collect and compile statistical and other data and make reports of the business transacted by the courts and transmit the same to the chief judge to the end that proper action may be taken in respect thereto;
- (d) Prepare and submit budget estimates of state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system and make recommendations in respect thereto;
- (e) Draw all requisitions for the payment out of state moneys appropriated for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system;
- (f) Collect statistical and other data and make reports relating to the expenditures of public moneys, state and local, for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system and the offices connected therewith;
- (g) Obtain reports from clerks of courts in accordance with law or rules adopted by the Court of Appeals or the chief judge on cases and other judicial business in which action has been delayed beyond periods of time specified by law or rules of court and make report thereof to the chief judge;
- (h) Formulate and submit to the chief judge recommendations of policies for the improvement of the judicial system; and
- (i) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the chief judge.

9. Judges, etc., to comply with requests for information and statistical data.

The judges, clerks of court, and all other officers, state and local, shall comply with all requests, as may be approved by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals, made by the director or his assistants for information and statistical data bearing on the state of the dockets of such courts and such other information as may reflect the business transacted by them and the expenditure of public moneys for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system.

10. Annual report.

The director shall make and publish an annual report of the affairs of his office in such form, at such time and containing such information as may be approved by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals.



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